OUR PERMANENT VACATION!

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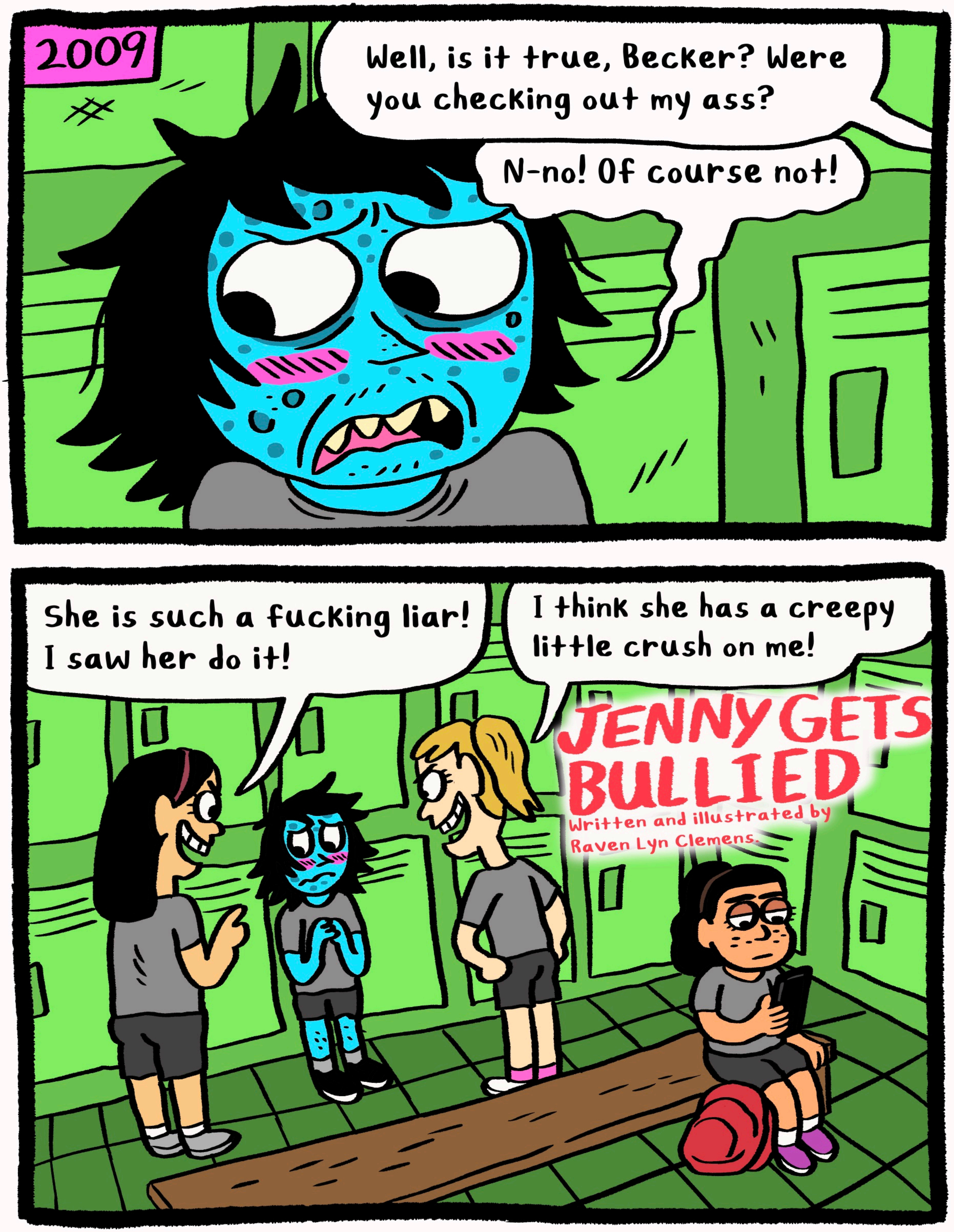
2009
Well, is it true, Becker? Were you checking out my ass?
N-no! Of course not!
She is such a fucking liar! I saw her do it!
I think she has a creepy little crush on me!

JENNY GETS BULLIED

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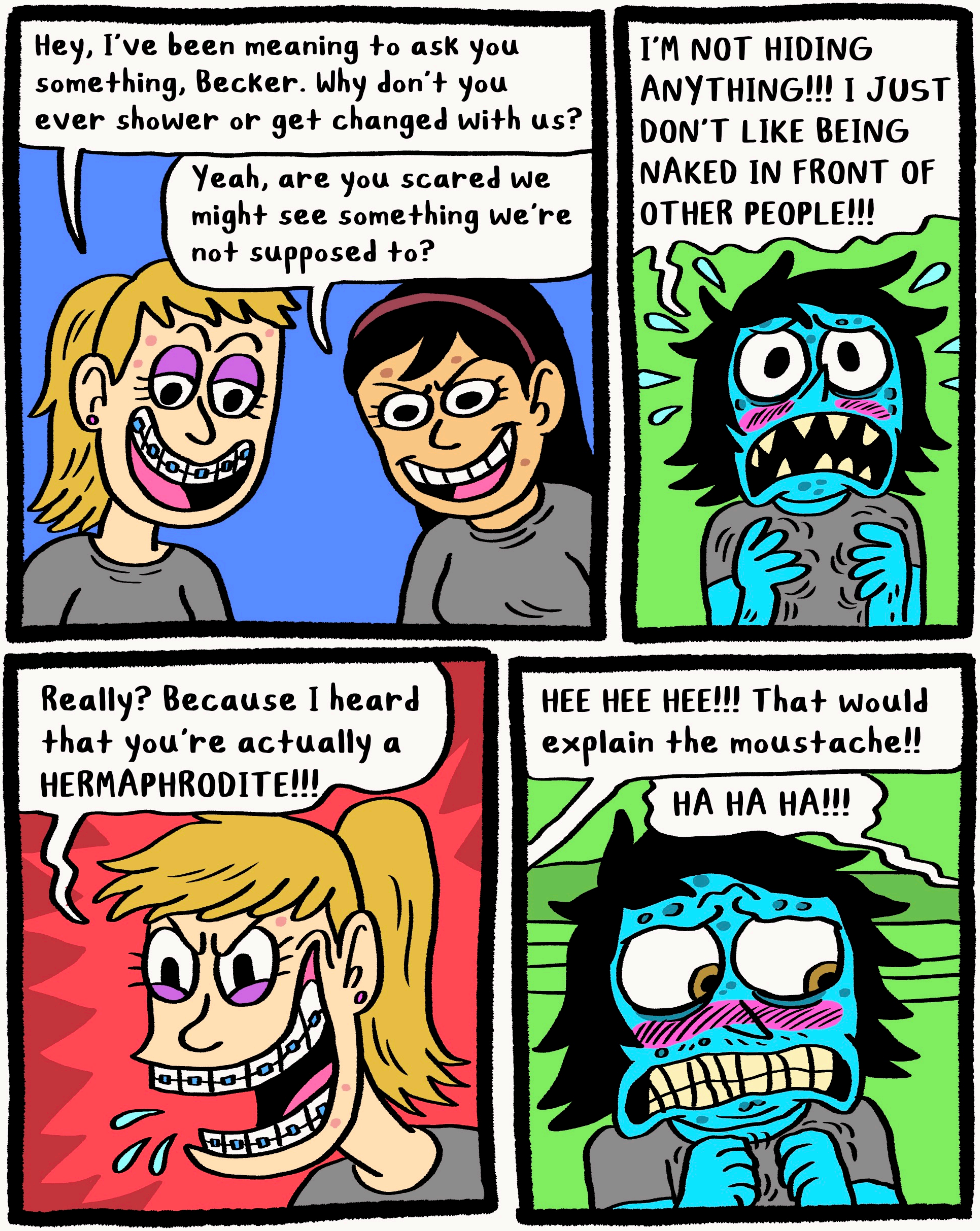
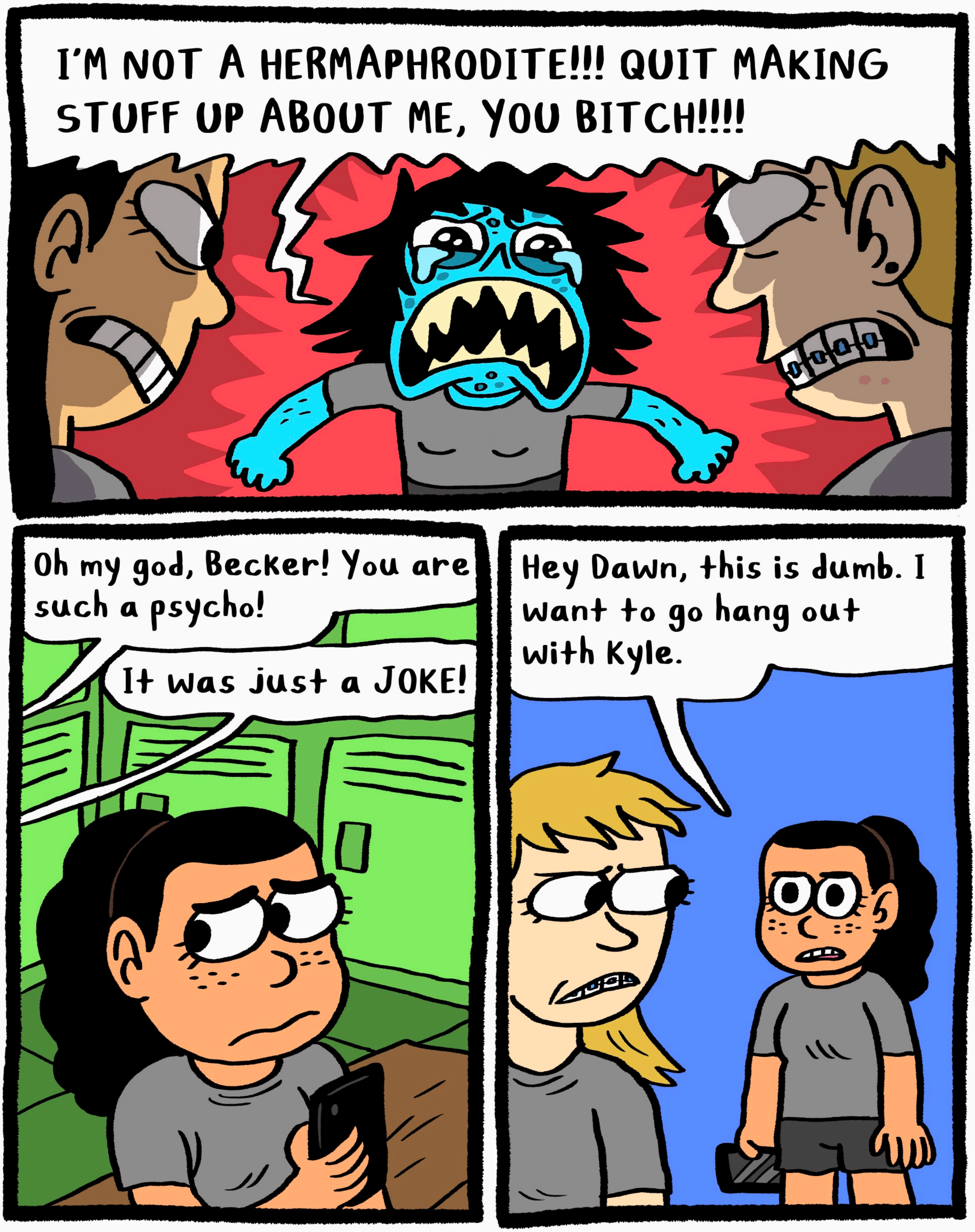
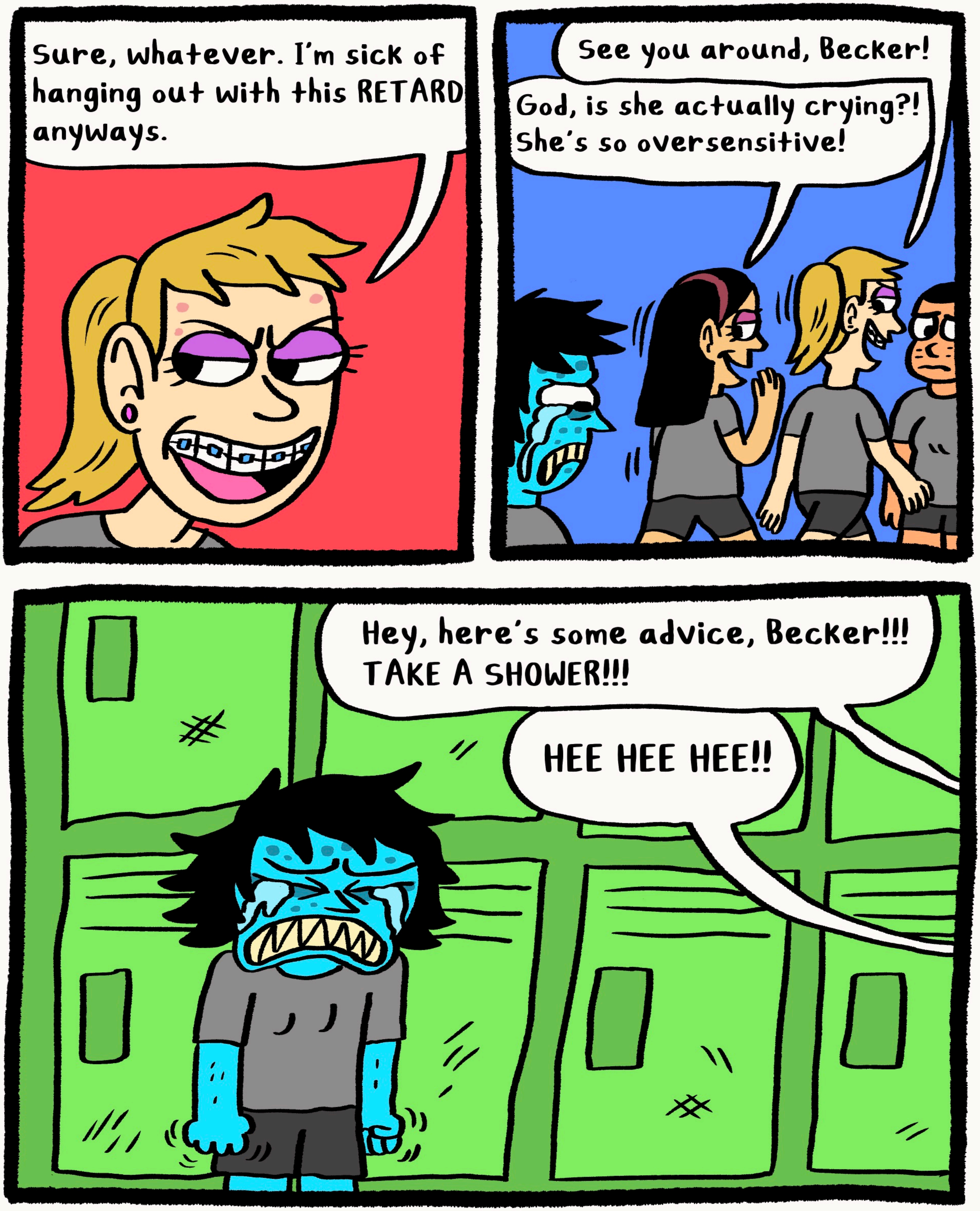
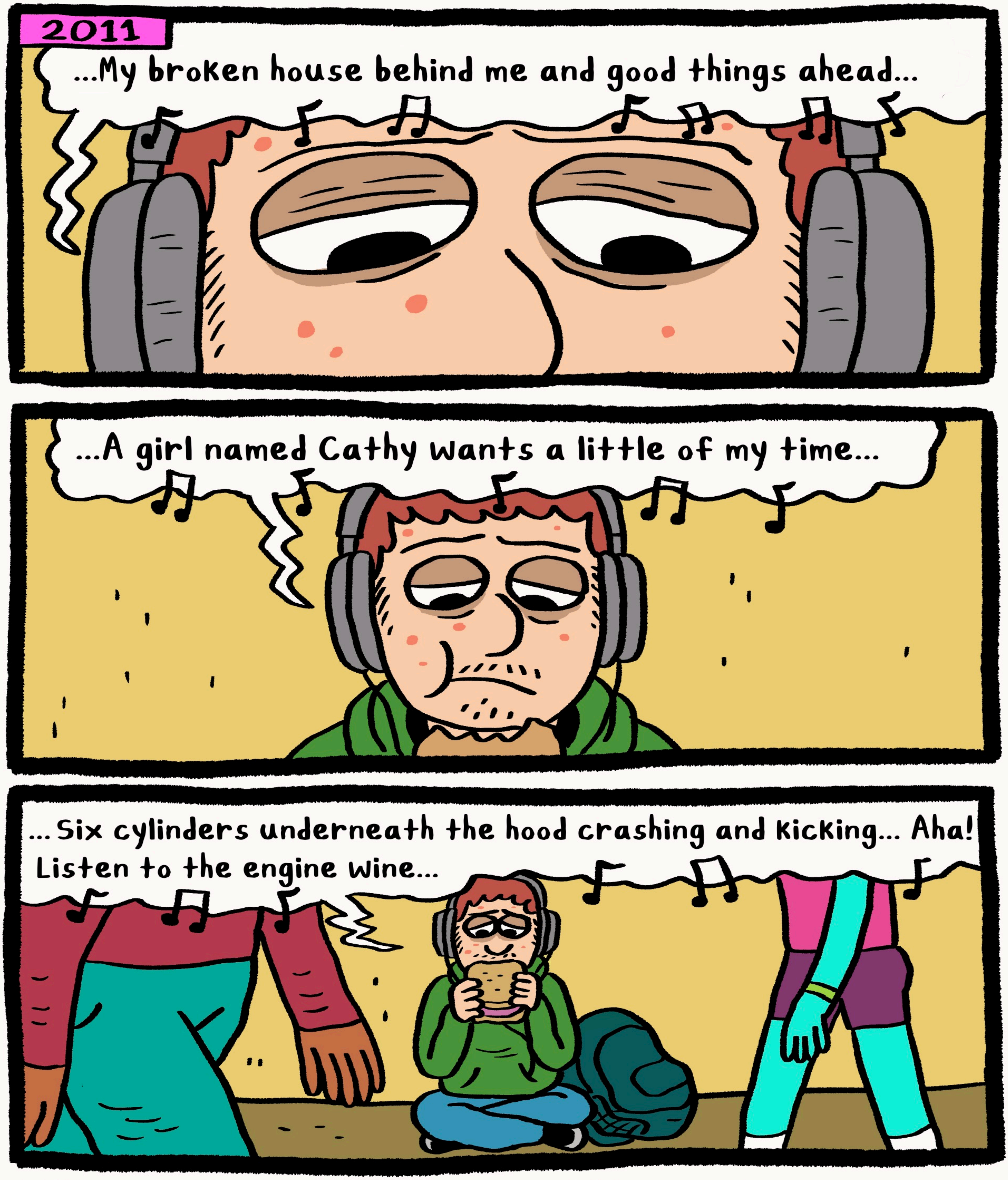

Hey, I've been meaning to ask you something, Becker. Why don't you ever shower or get changed with us?
Yeah, are you scared we might see something we're not supposed to?
I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING!!! I JUST DON'T LIKE BEING NAKED IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE!!!
Really? Because I heard that you're actually a HERMAPHRODITE!!!
HEE HEE HEE!!! That would explain the moustache!!
HA HA HA!!!


I'M NOT A HERMAPHRODITE!!! QUIT MAKING STUFF UP ABOUT ME, YOU BITCH!!!!
Oh my god, Becker! You are such a psycho!
It was just a JOKE!
Hey Dawn, this is dumb. I want to go hang out with Kyle.


Sure, whatever. I'm sick of hanging out with this RETARD anyways.
See you around, Becker!
God, is she actually crying?! She's so oversensitive!
Hey, here's some advice, Becker!!! TAKE A SHOWER!!!
HEE HEE HEE!!


2011
...My broken house behind me and good things ahead...
...A girl named Cathy wants a little of my time...
...Six cylinders underneath the hood crashing and kicking... Aha! Listen to the engine wine...

CHRIS RELIEVES SOME STRESS AT SCHOOL.

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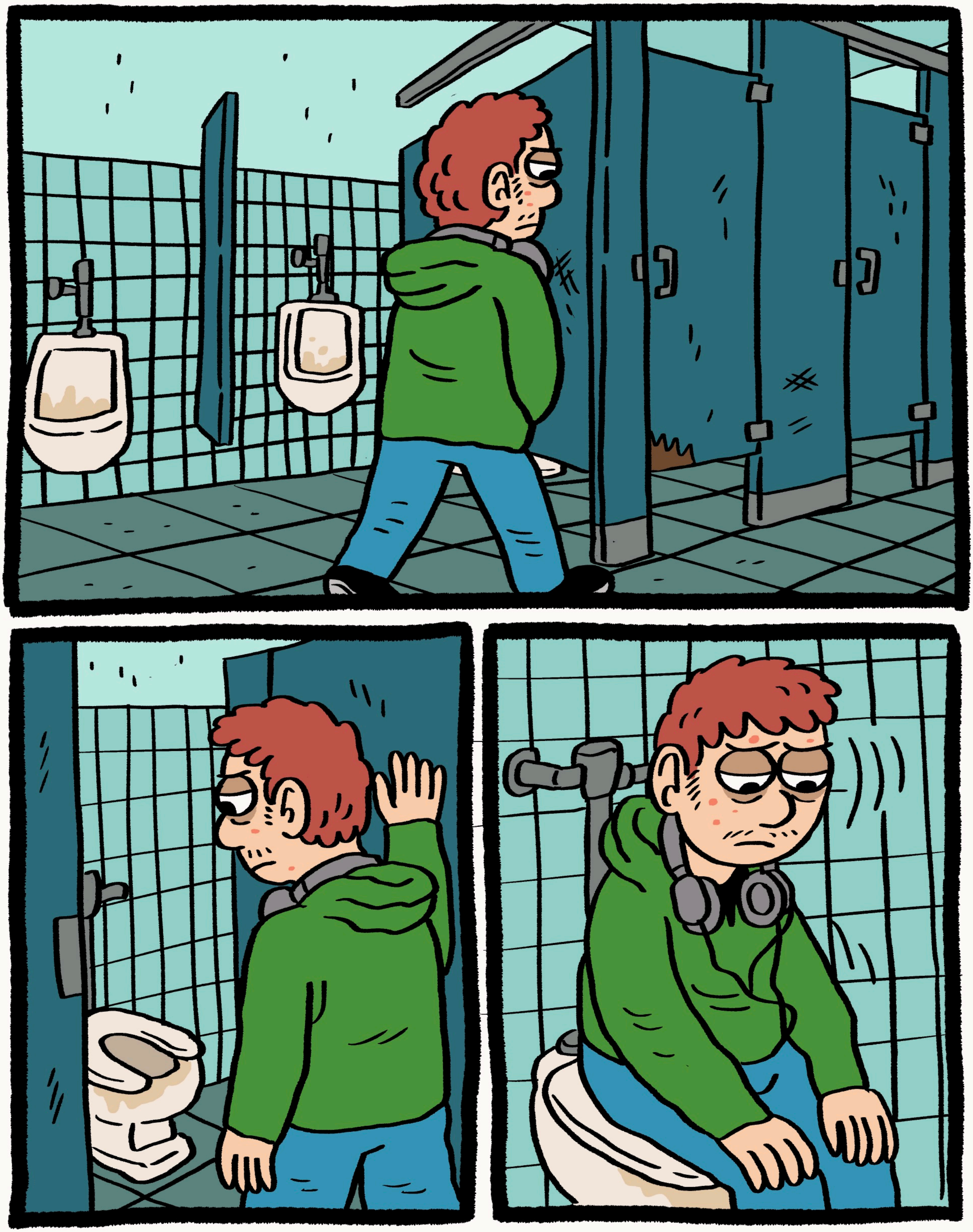

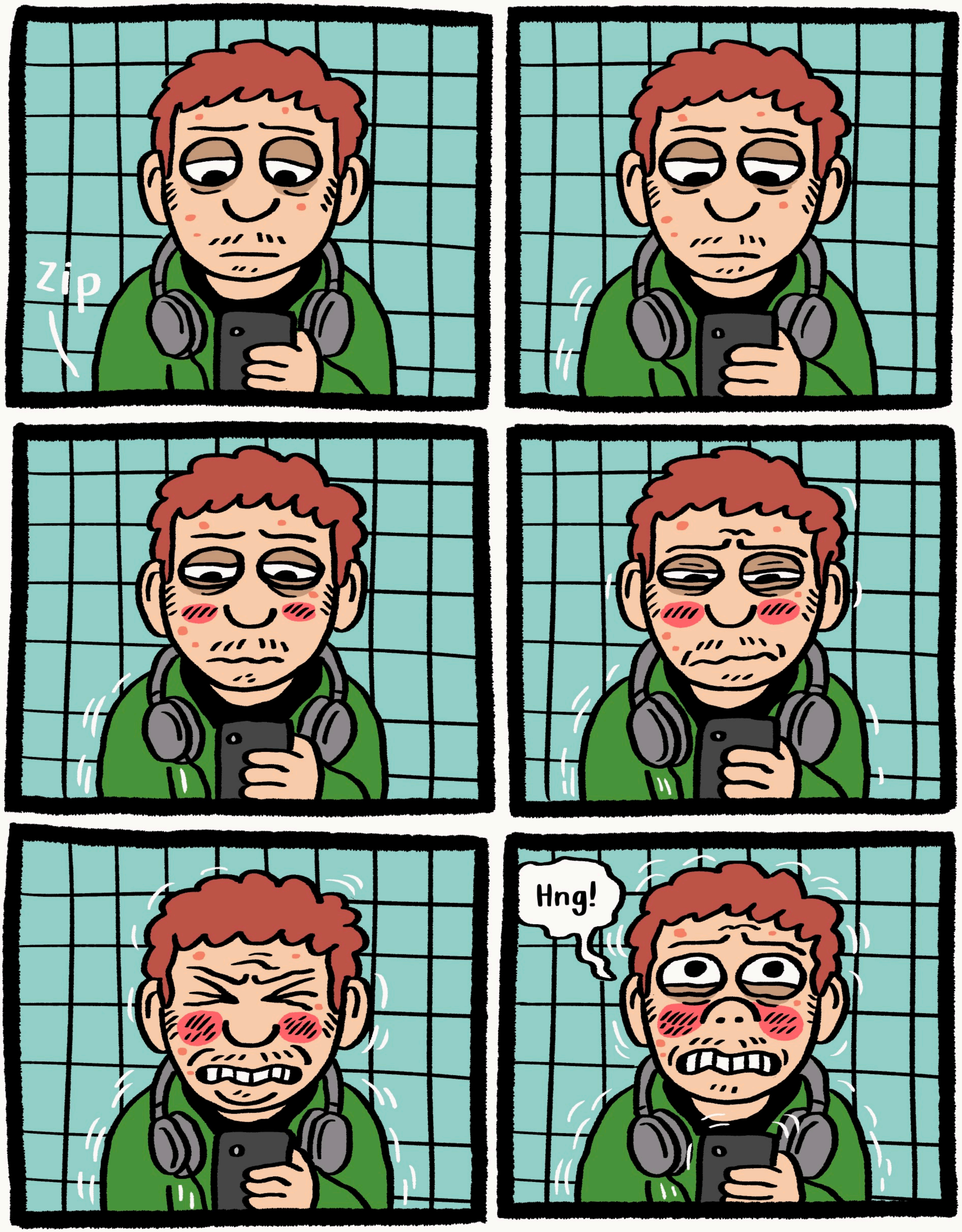
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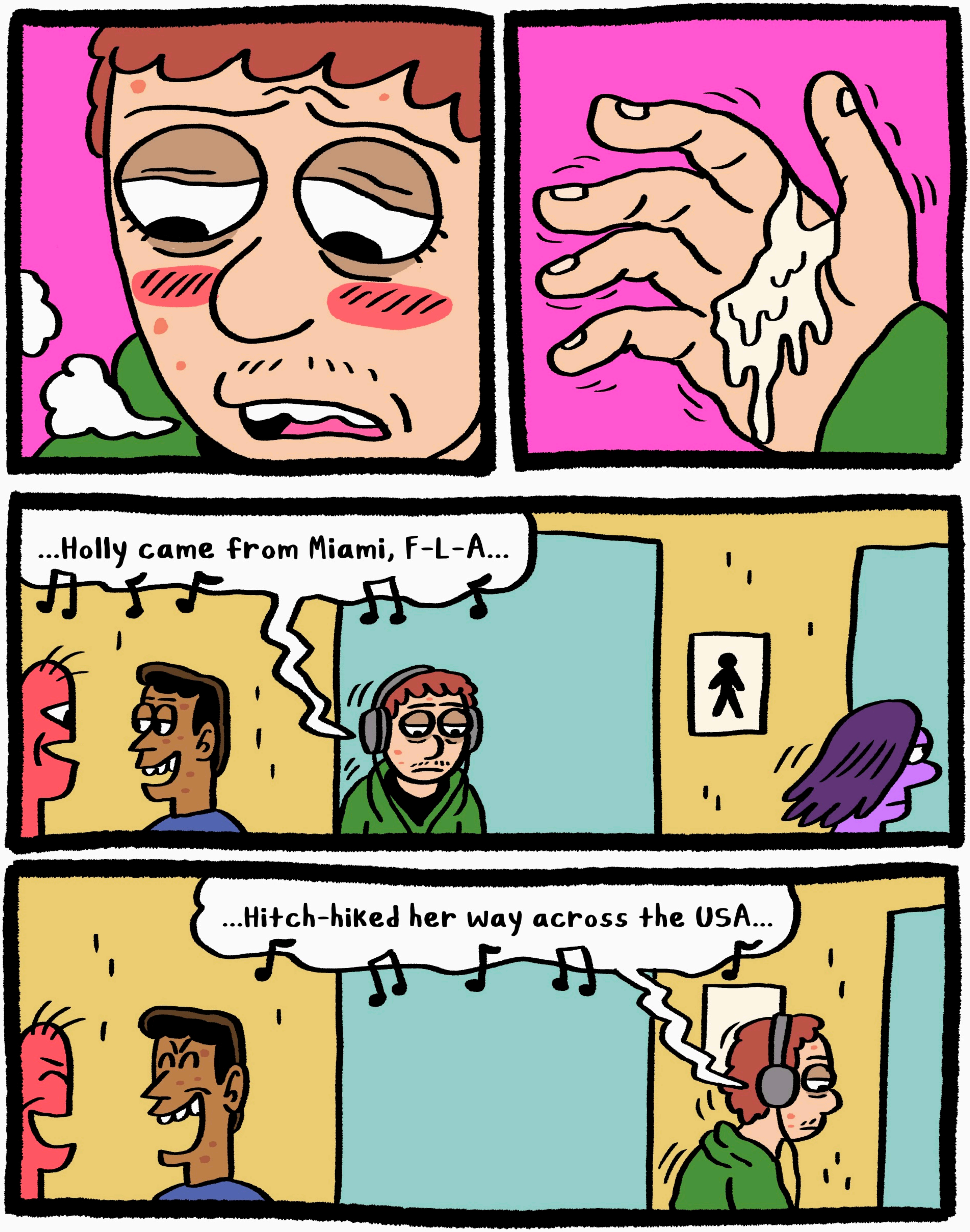
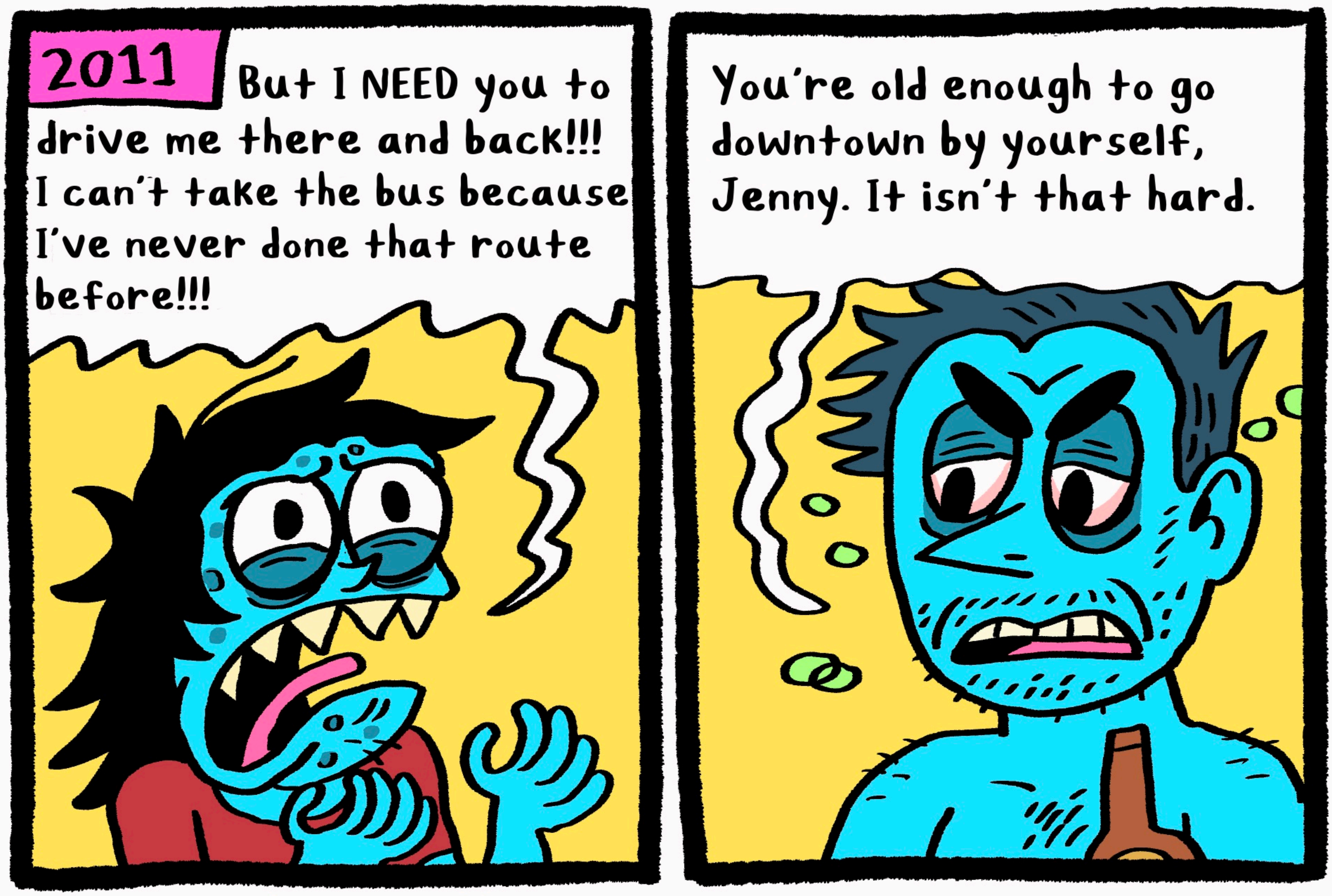
Hng!


...Holly came from Miami, F-L-A...
...Hitch-hiked her way across the USA...


2011
But I NEED you to drive me there and back!!! I can't take the bus because I've never done that route before!!!
You're old enough to go downtown by yourself, Jenny. It isn't that hard.

JENNY AND HER DAD HAVE A DISAGREEMENT.

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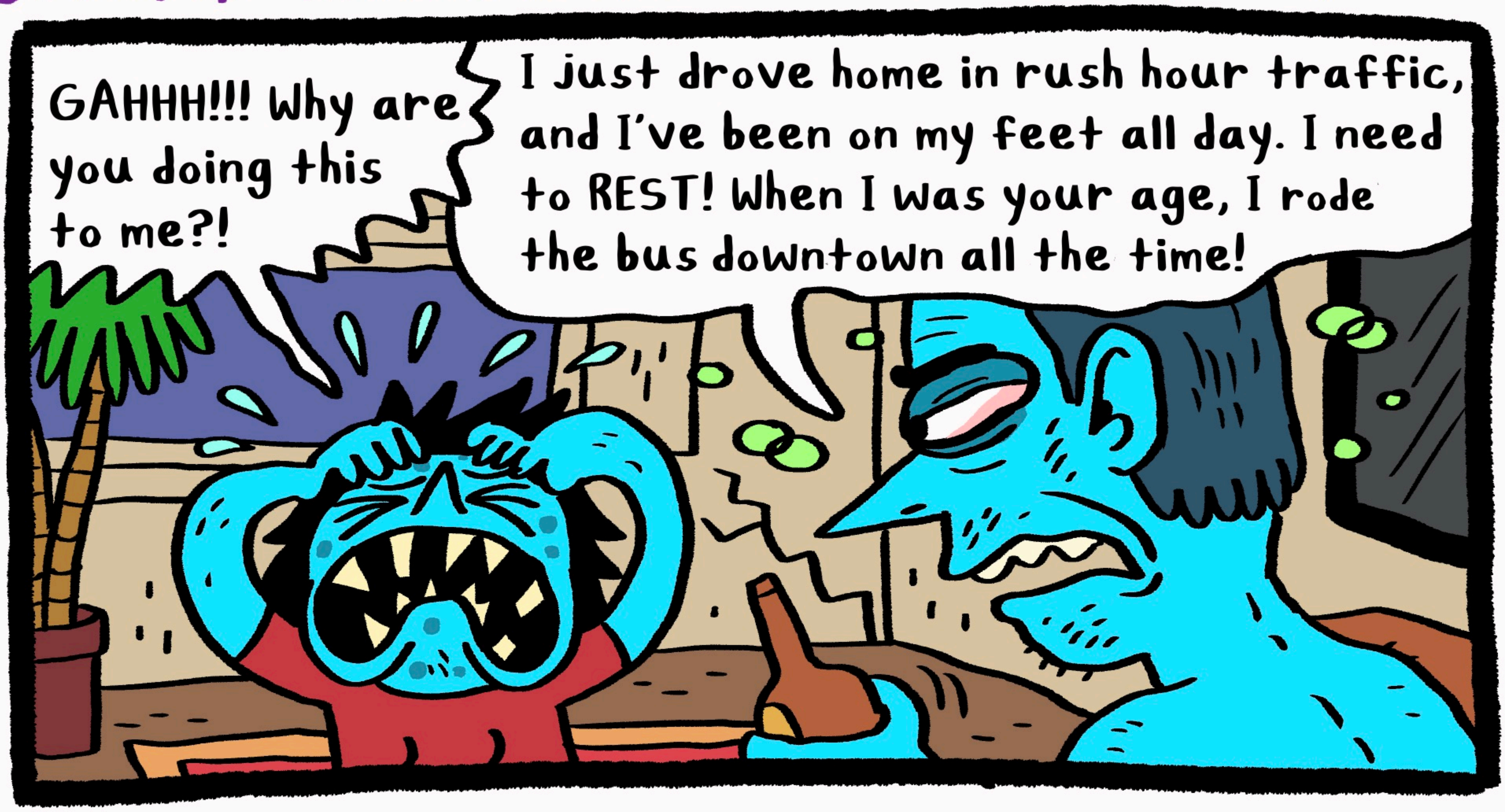
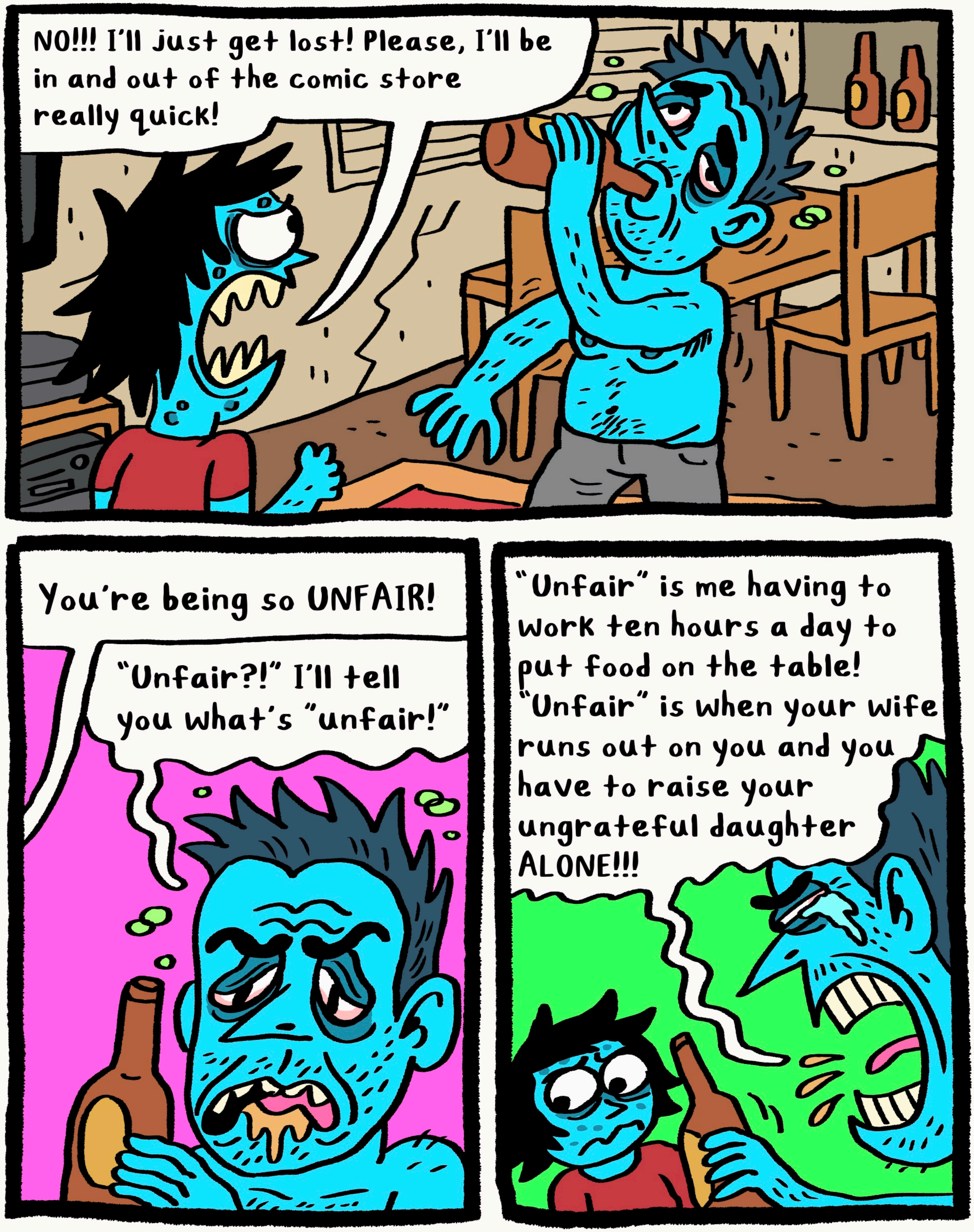
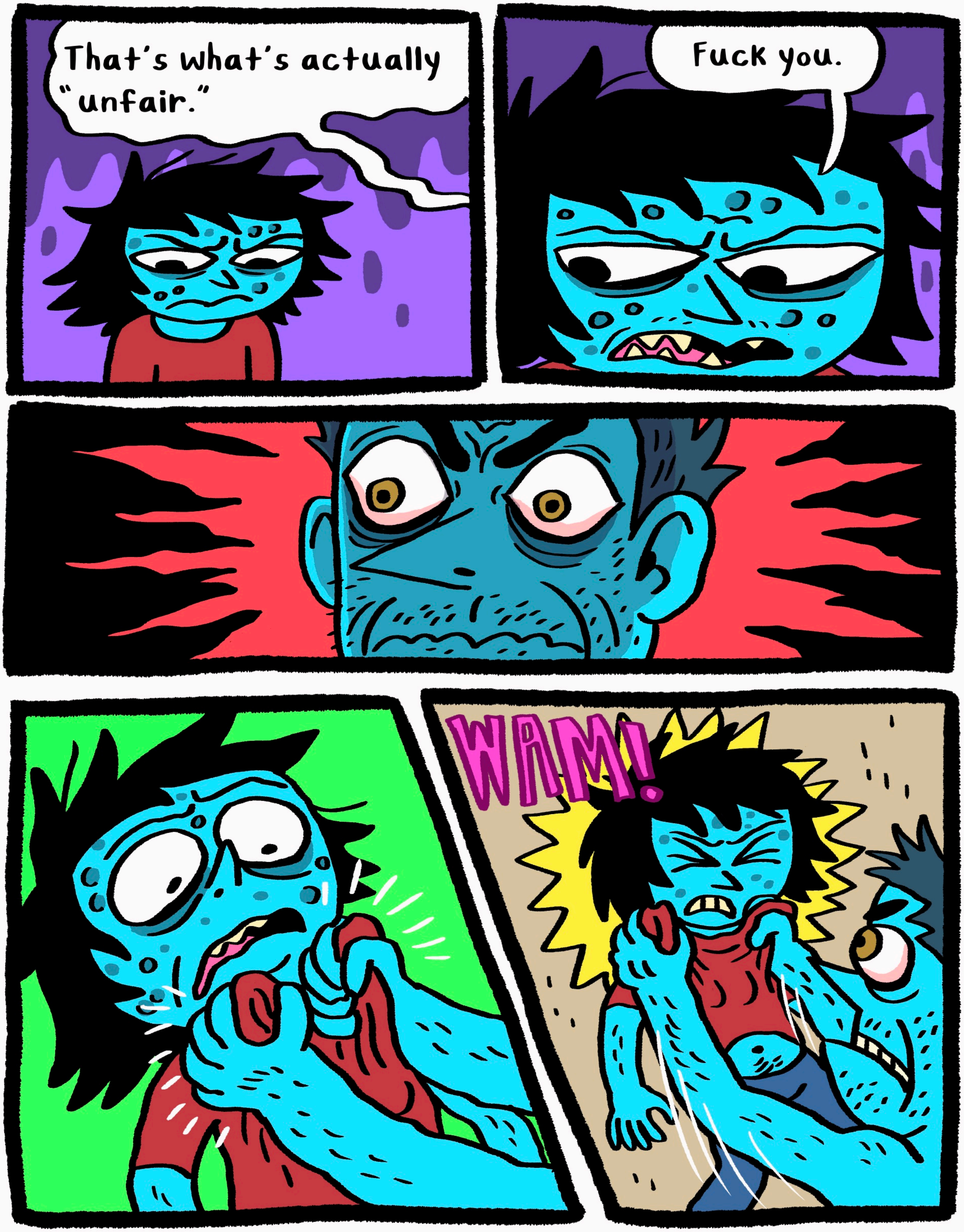
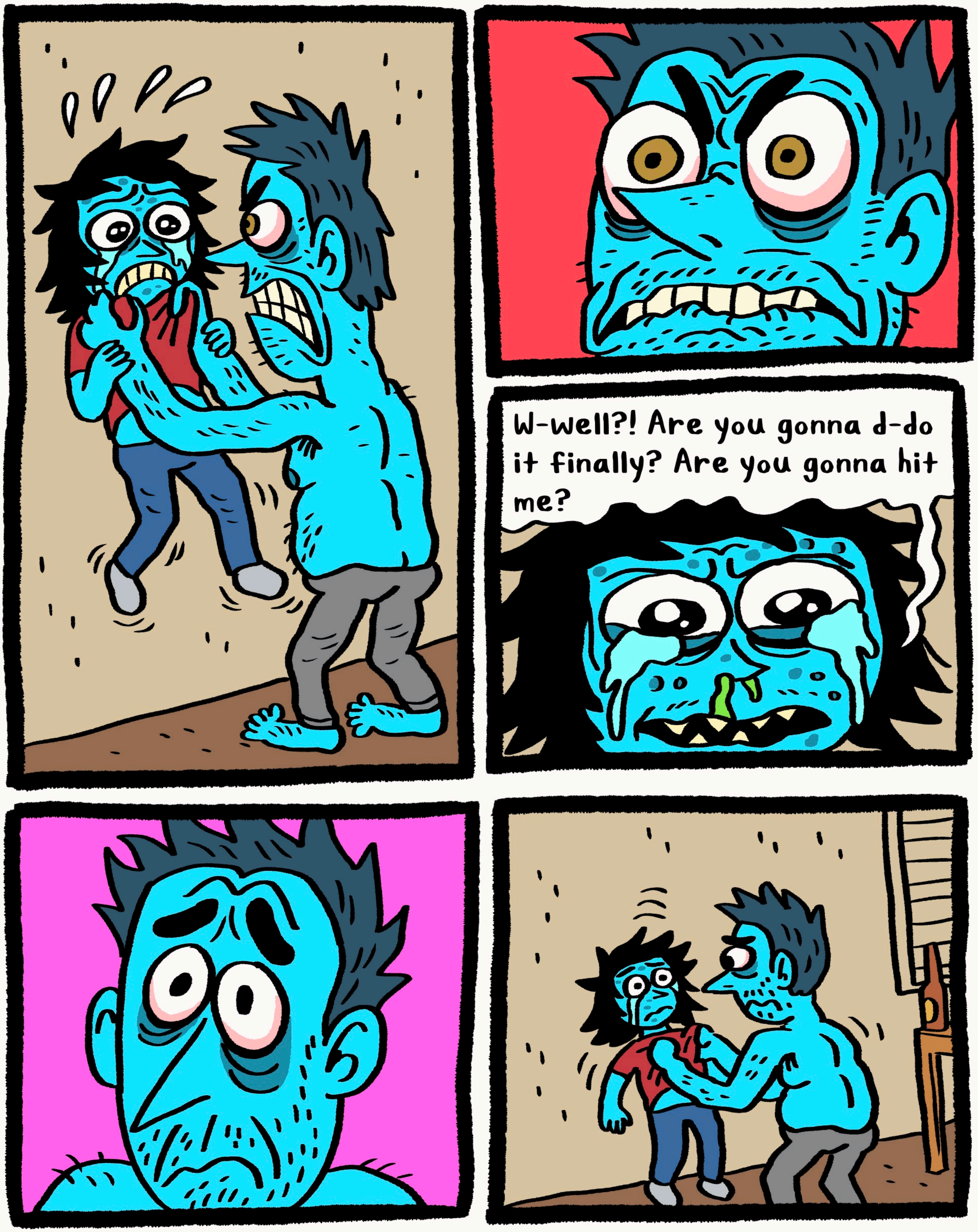
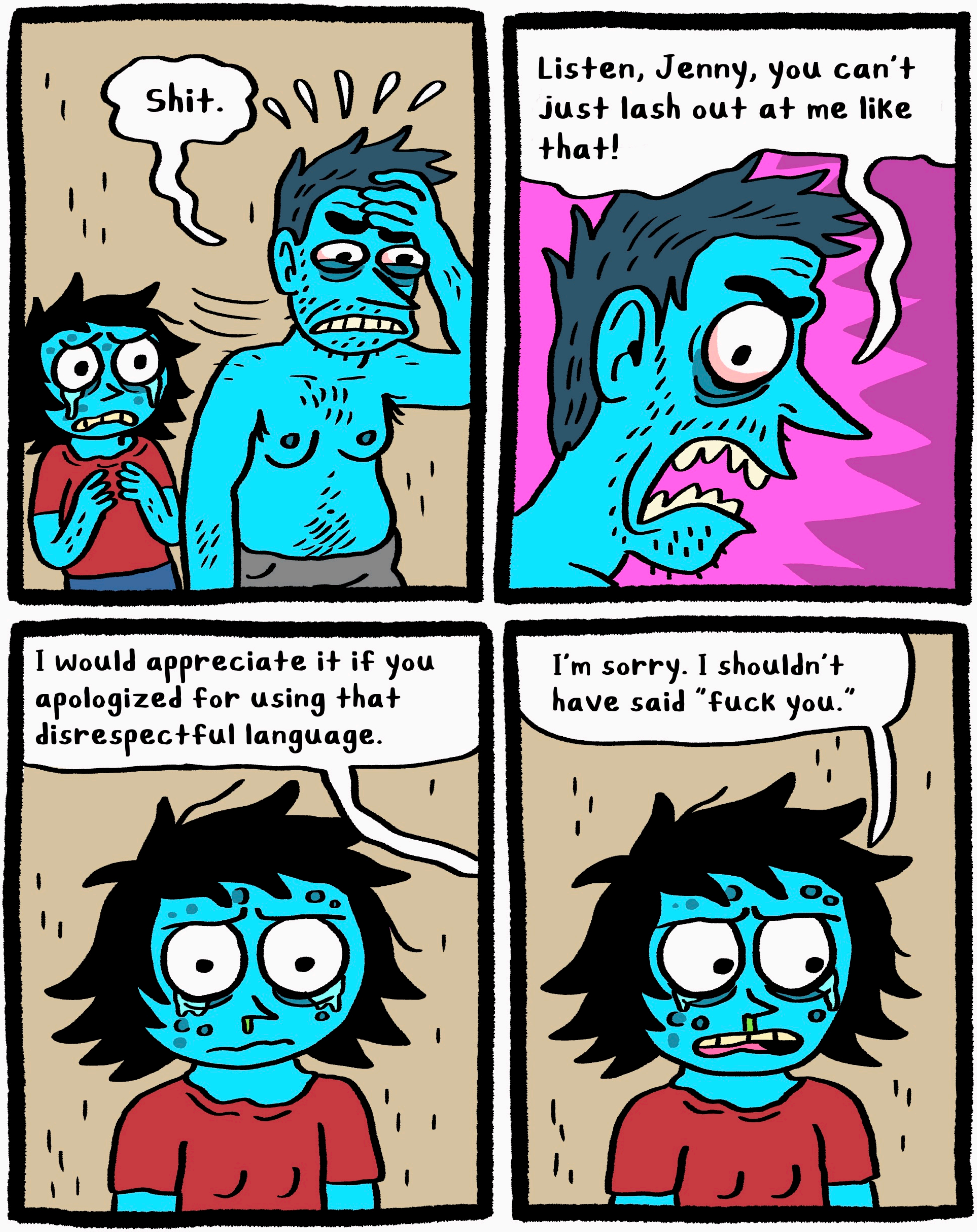
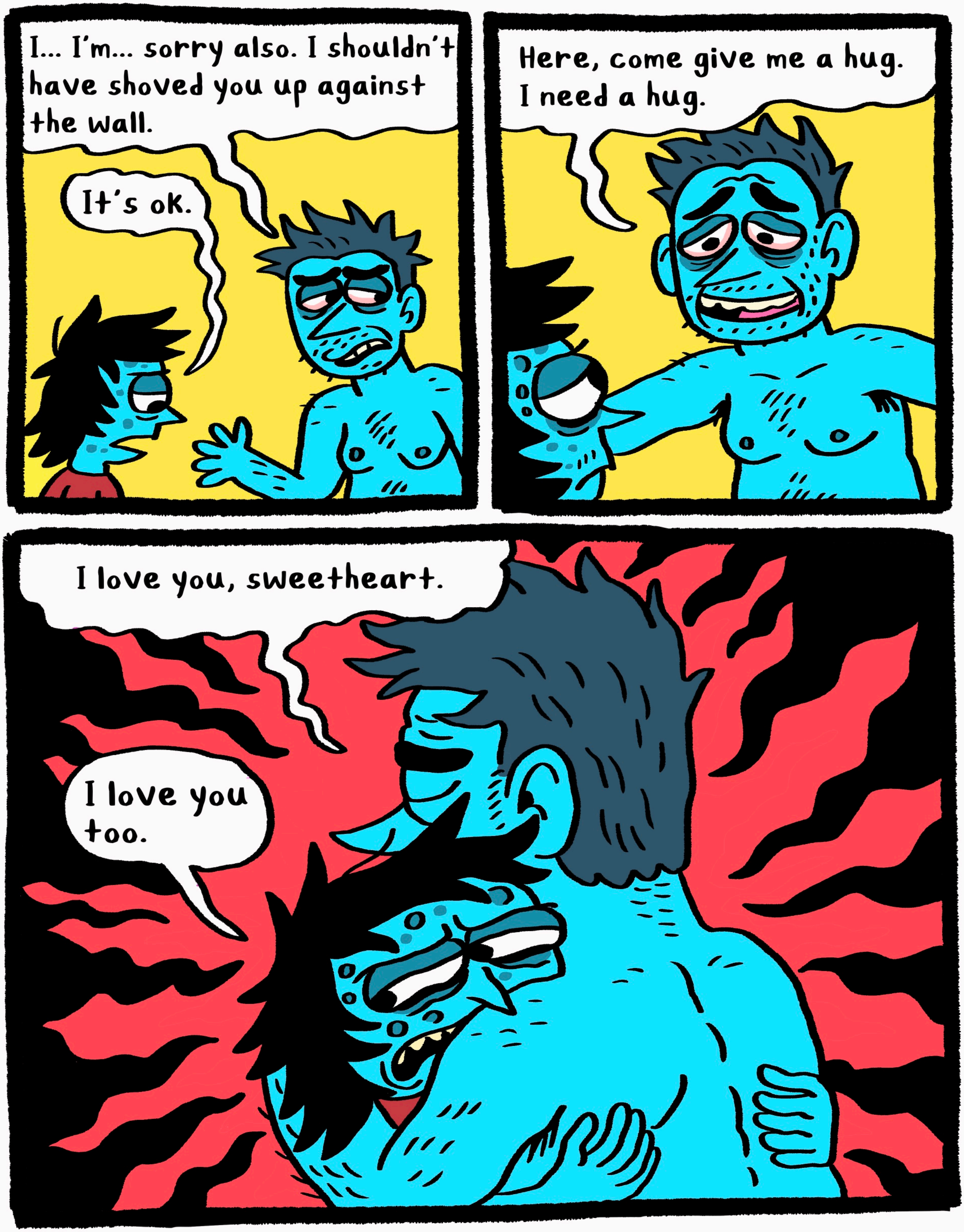

GAHHH!!! Why are you doing this to me?!
I just drove home in rush hour traffic, and I've been on my feet all day. I need to REST! When I was your age, I rode the bus downtown all the time!

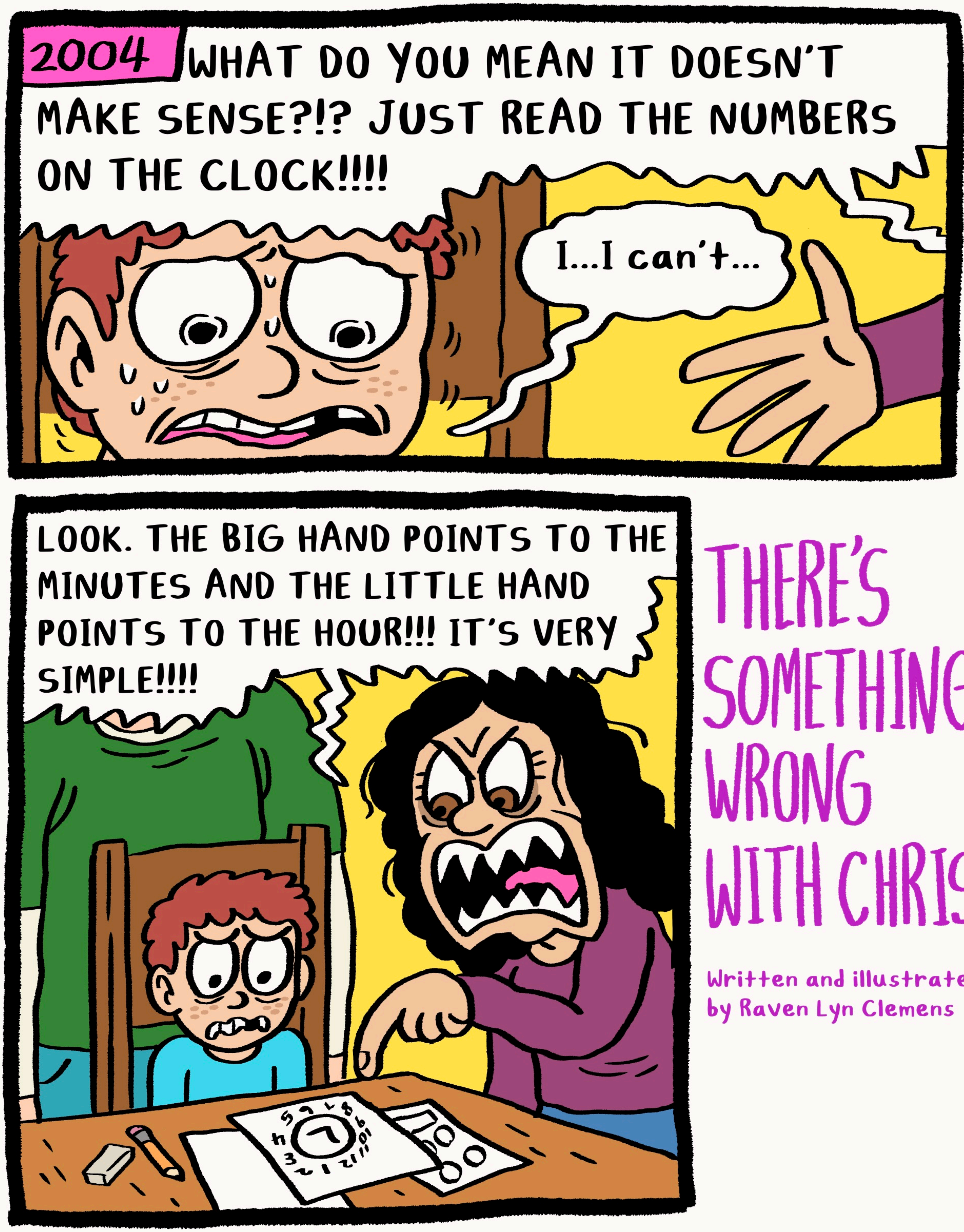

NO!!! I'll just get lost! Please, I'll be in and out of the comic store really quick!
You're being so UNFAIR!
"Unfair?!" I'll tell you what's "unfair!"
"Unfair" is me having to work ten hours a day to put food on the table! "Unfair" is when your wife runs out on you and you have to raise your ungrateful daughter ALONE!!!


That's what's actually "unfair."
Fuck you.
WAM!


W-well?! Are you gonna d-do it finally? Are you gonna hit me?


Shit.
Listen, Jenny, you can't just lash out at me like that!
I would appreciate it if you apologized for using that disrespectful language.
I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said "fuck you."


I... I'm... sorry also. I shouldn't have shoved you up against the wall.
It's ok.
Here, come give me a hug. I need a hug.
I love you, sweetheart.
I love you too.


2004
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE?!? JUST READ THE NUMBERS ON THE CLOCK!!!!
I...I can't...
LOOK. THE BIG HAND POINTS TO THE MINUTES AND THE LITTLE HAND POINTS TO THE HOUR!!! IT'S VERY SIMPLE!!!!

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH CHRIS.

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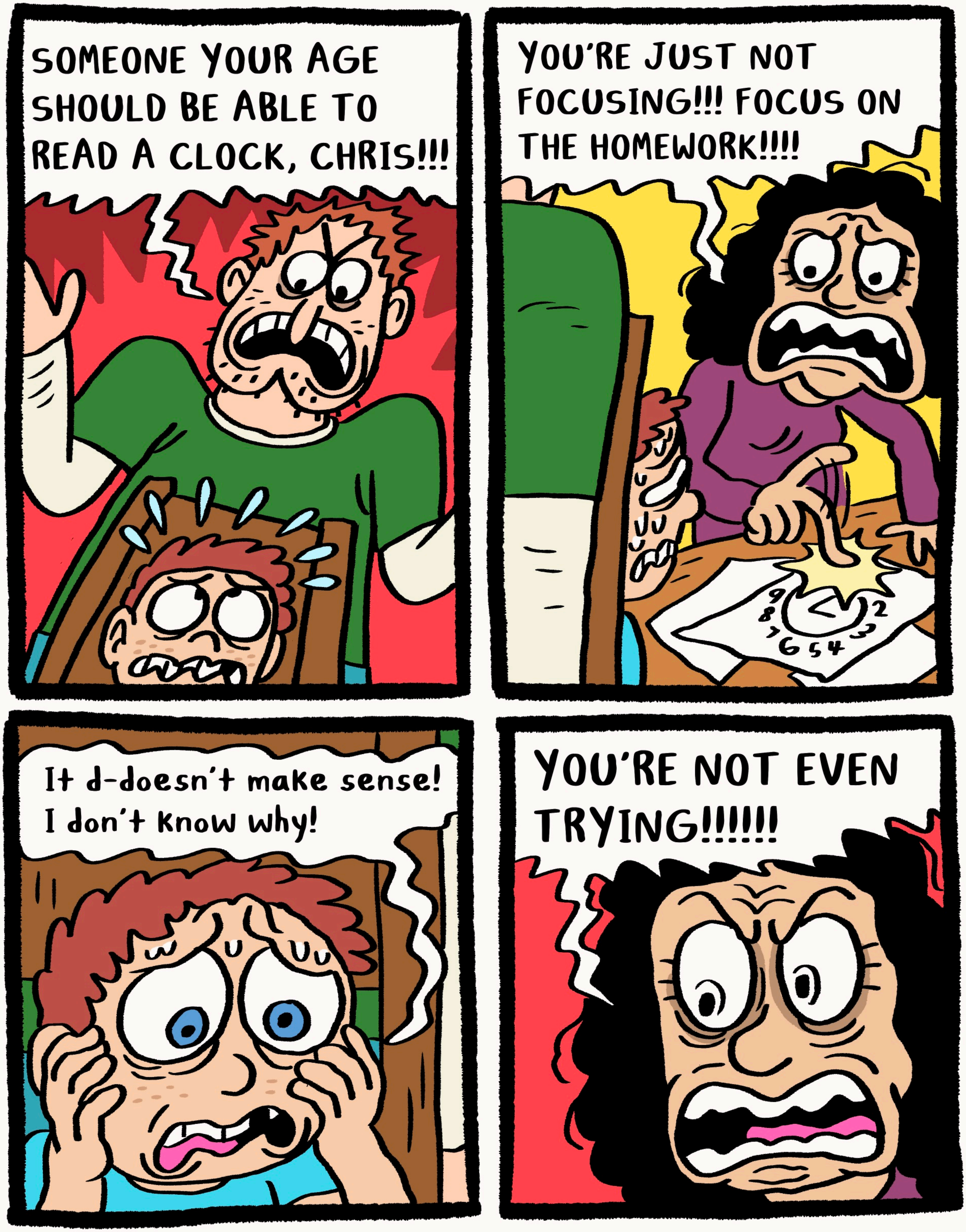
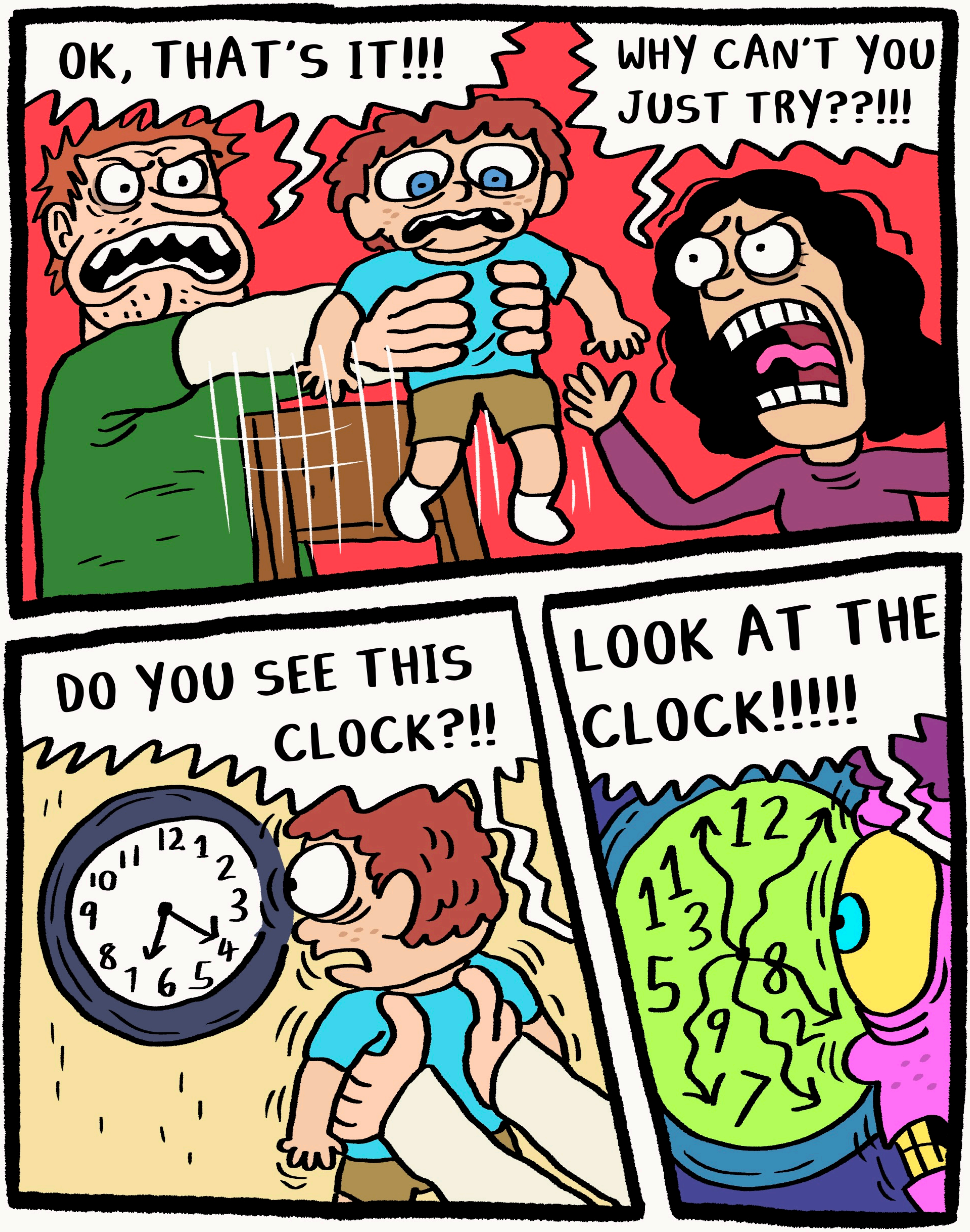
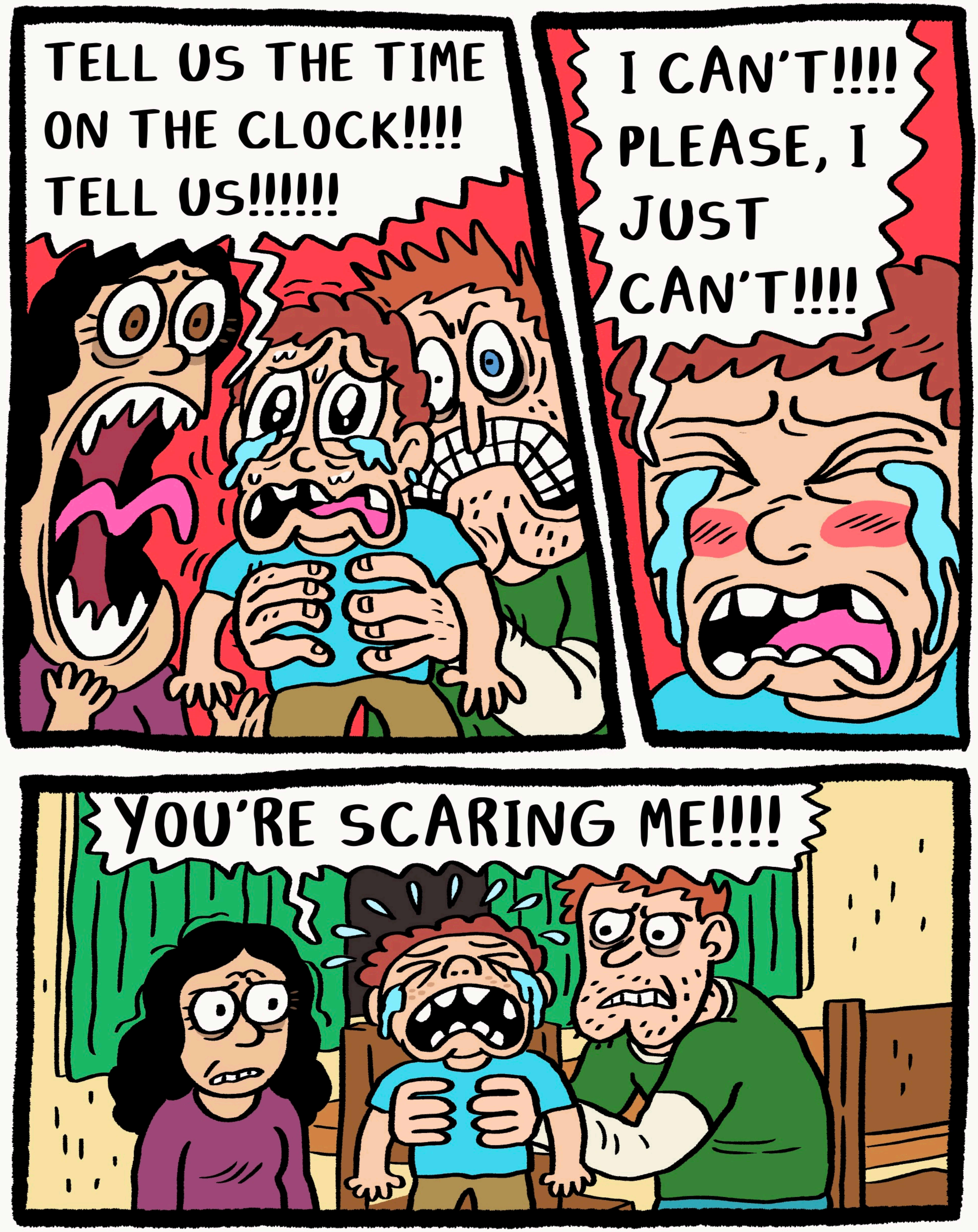
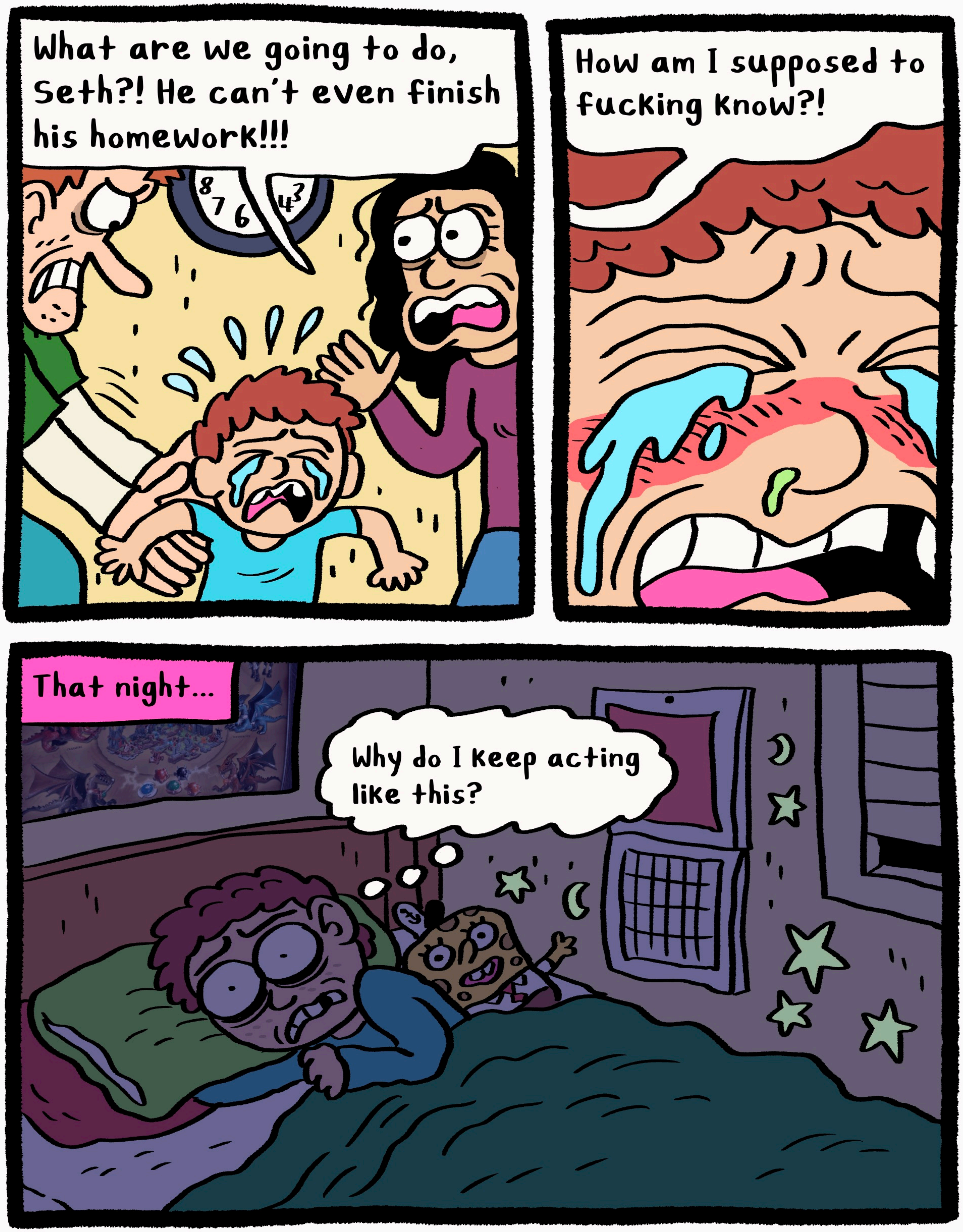
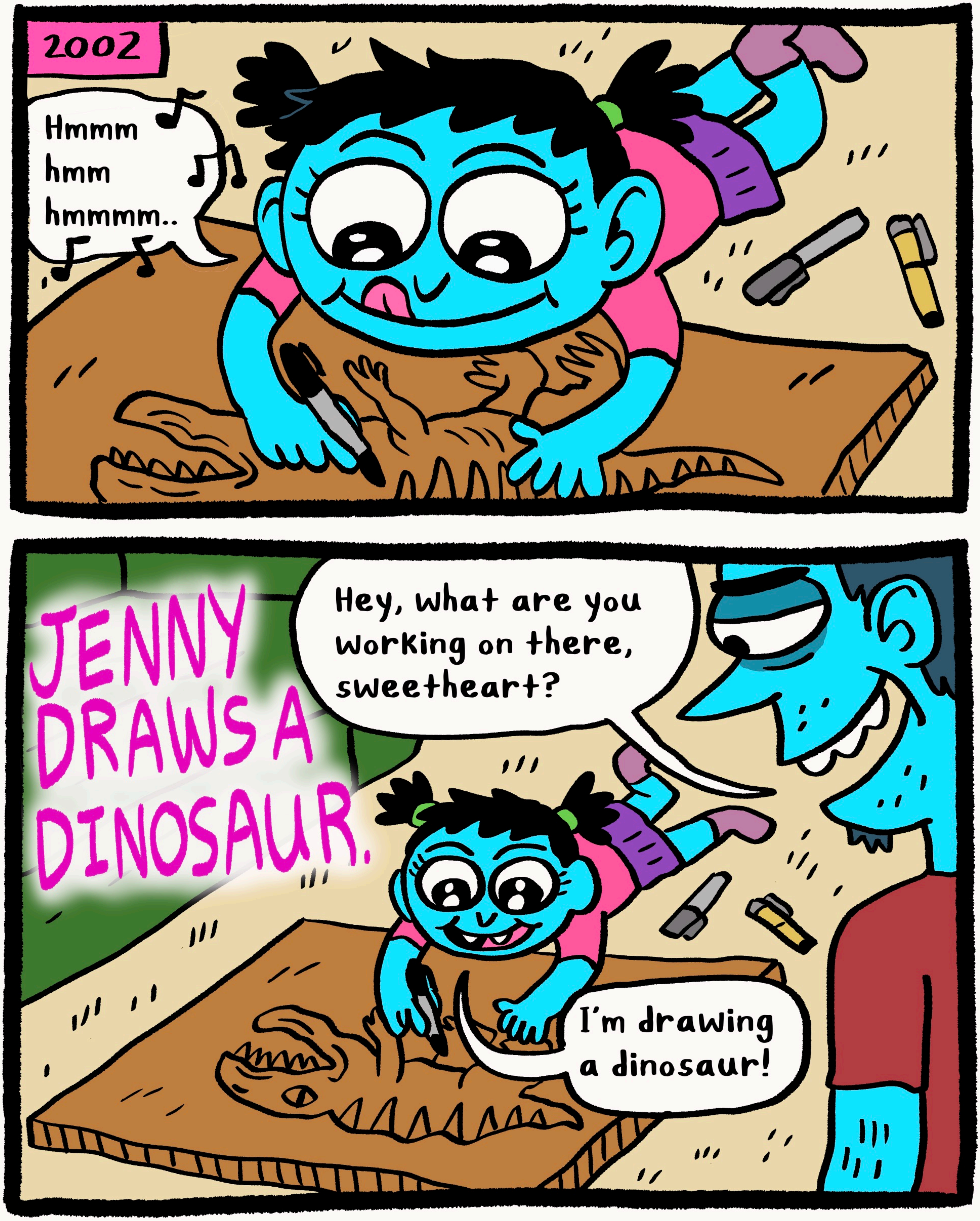
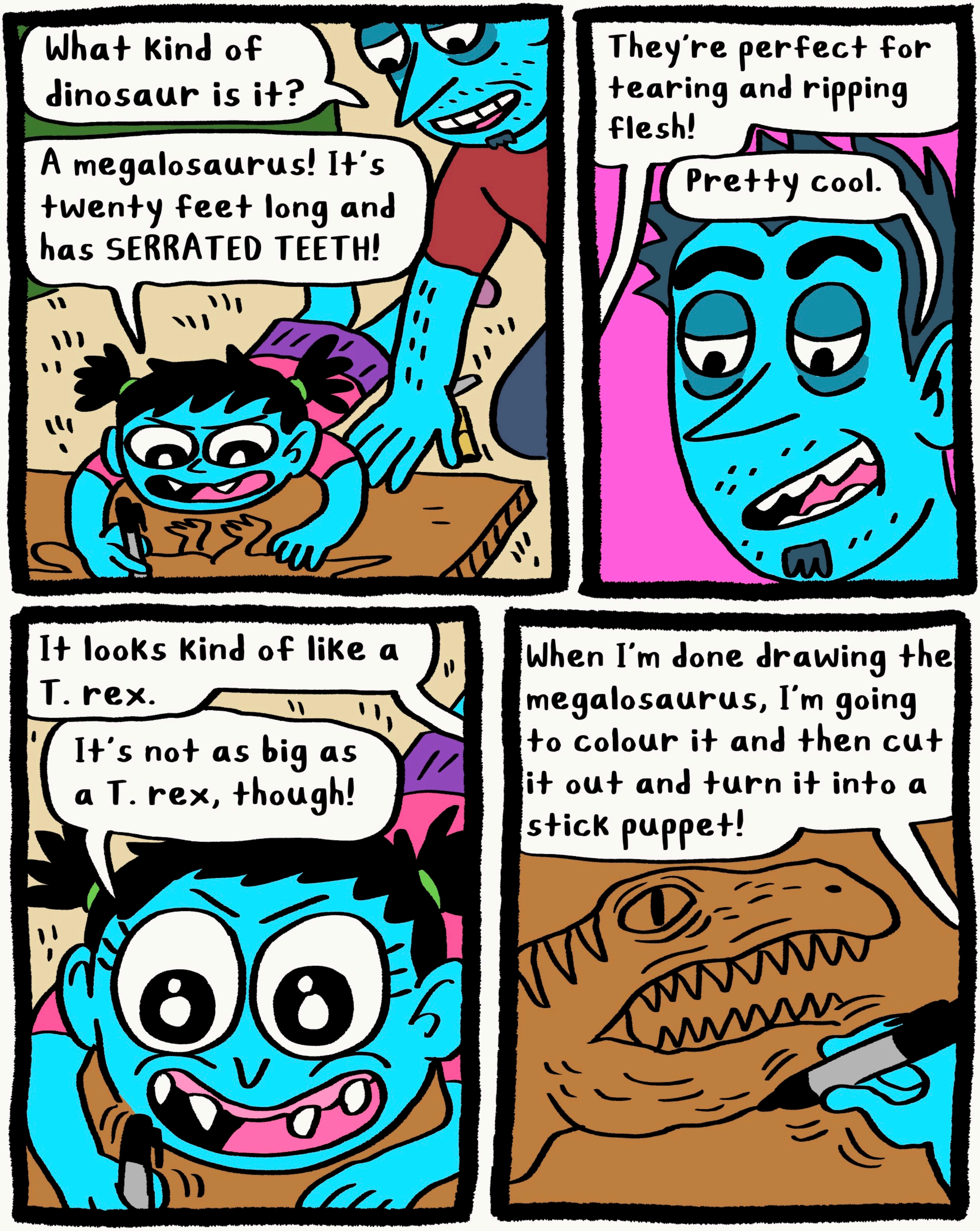

SOMEONE YOUR AGE SHOULD BE ABLE TO READ A CLOCK, CHRIS!!!
YOU'RE JUST NOT FOCUSING!!! FOCUS ON THE HOMEWORK!!!!
9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
It d-doesn't make sense! I don't know why!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING!!!!!!

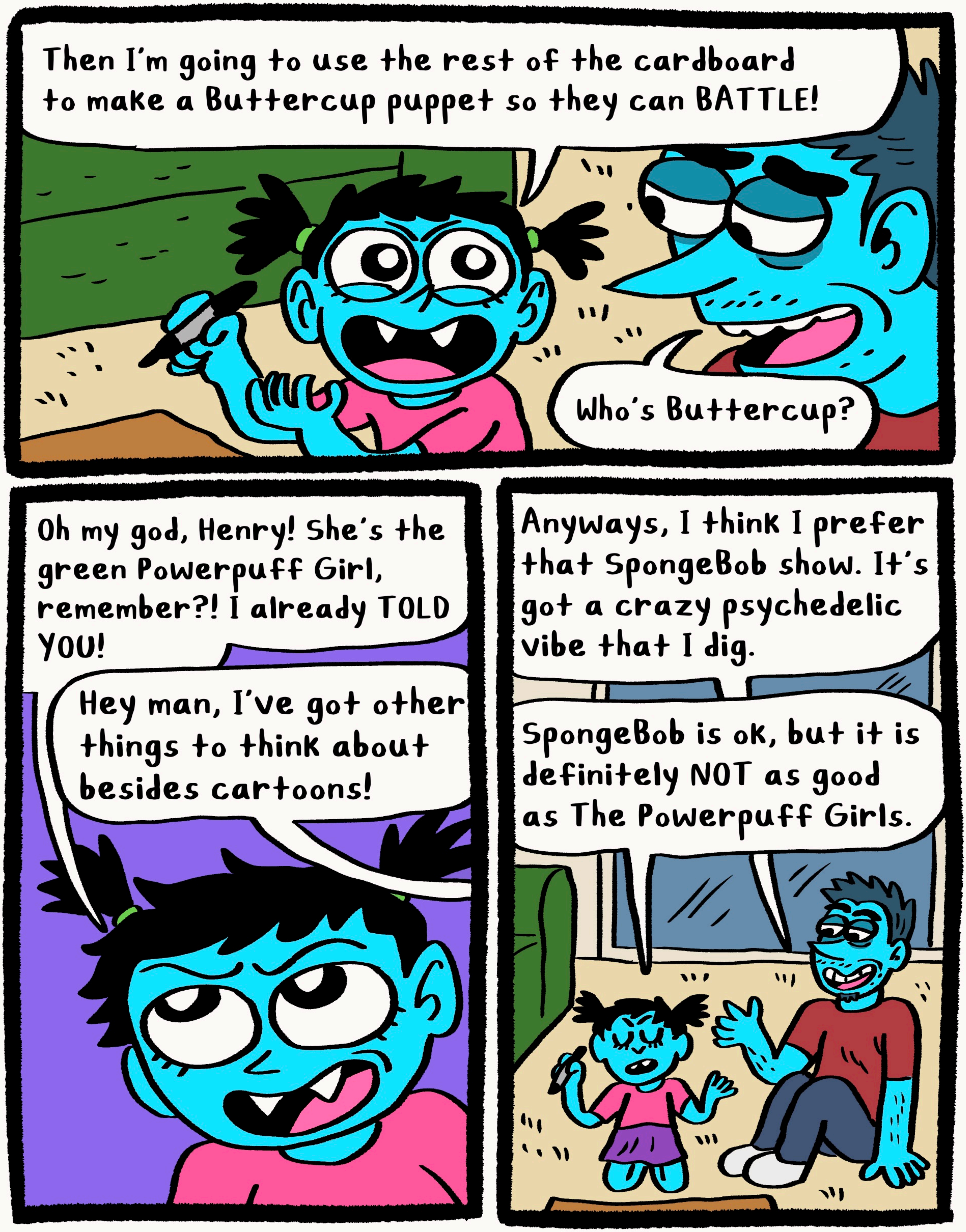

OK, THAT'S IT!!!
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TRY??!!!
DO YOU SEE THIS CLOCK?!!
LOOK AT THE CLOCK!!!!!


TELL US THE TIME ON THE CLOCK!!!! TELL US!!!!!!
I CAN'T!!!! PLEASE, I JUST CAN'T!!!!
YOU'RE SCARING ME!!!!


What are we going to do, Seth?! He can't even finish his homework!!!
How am I supposed to fucking know?!
That night...
Why do I keep acting like this?


2002
Hmmm hmm hmmmm..
JENNY DRAWS A DINOSAUR.
Hey, what are you working on there, sweetheart?
I'm drawing a dinosaur!


What kind of dinosaur is it?
A megalosaurus! It's twenty feet long and has SERRATED TEETH!
They're perfect for tearing and ripping flesh!
Pretty cool.
It looks kind of like a T. rex.
It's not as big as a T. rex, though!
When I'm done drawing the megalosaurus, I'm going to colour it and then cut it out and turn it into a stick puppet!


Then I'm going to use the rest of the cardboard to make a Buttercup puppet so they can BATTLE!
Who's Buttercup?
Oh my god, Henry! She's the green Powerpuff Girl, remember?! I already TOLD YOU!
Hey man, I've got other things to think about besides cartoons!
Anyways, I think I prefer that SpongeBob show. It's got a crazy psychedelic vibe that I dig.
SpongeBob is ok, but it is definitely NOT as good as The Powerpuff Girls.

CHRIS COMES OUT.

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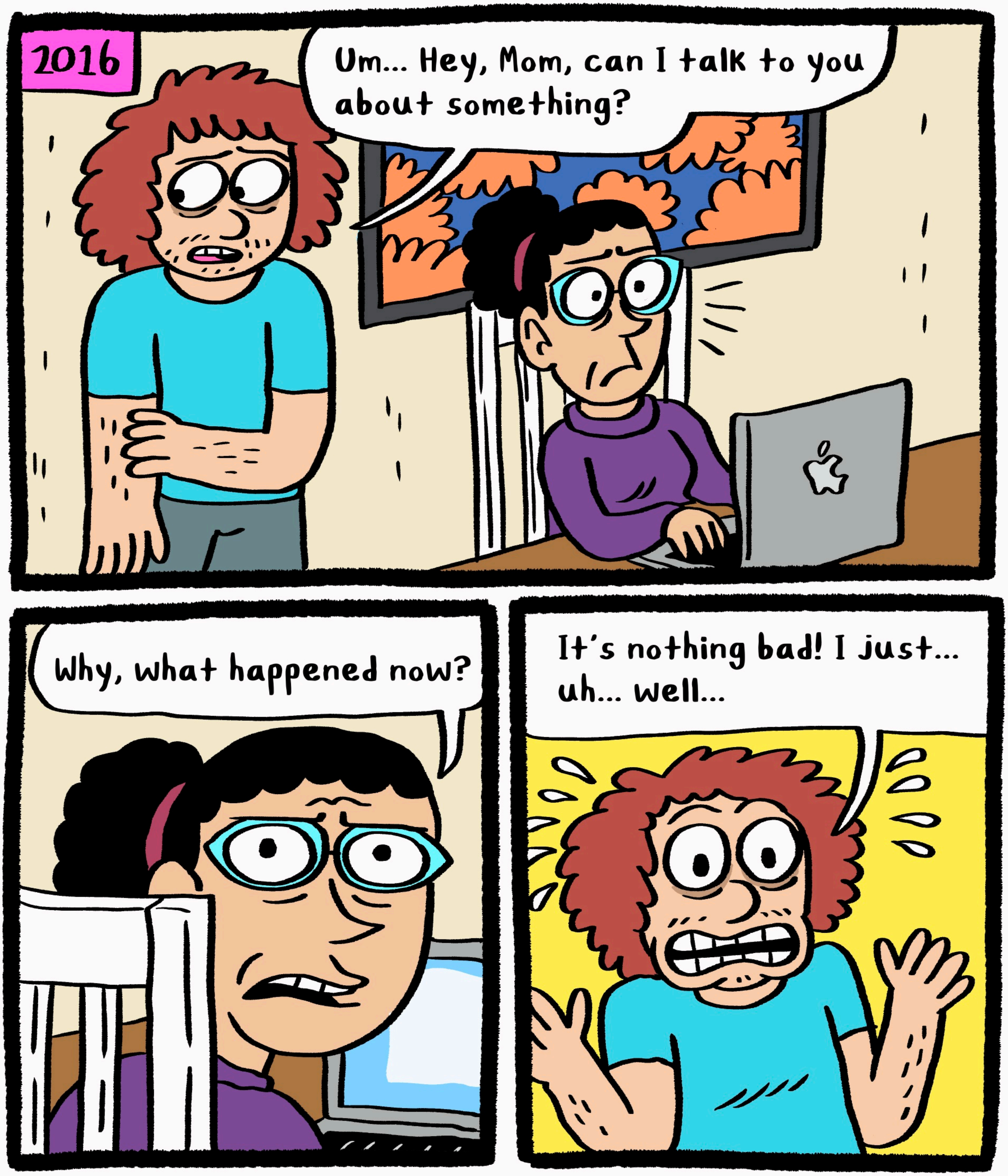
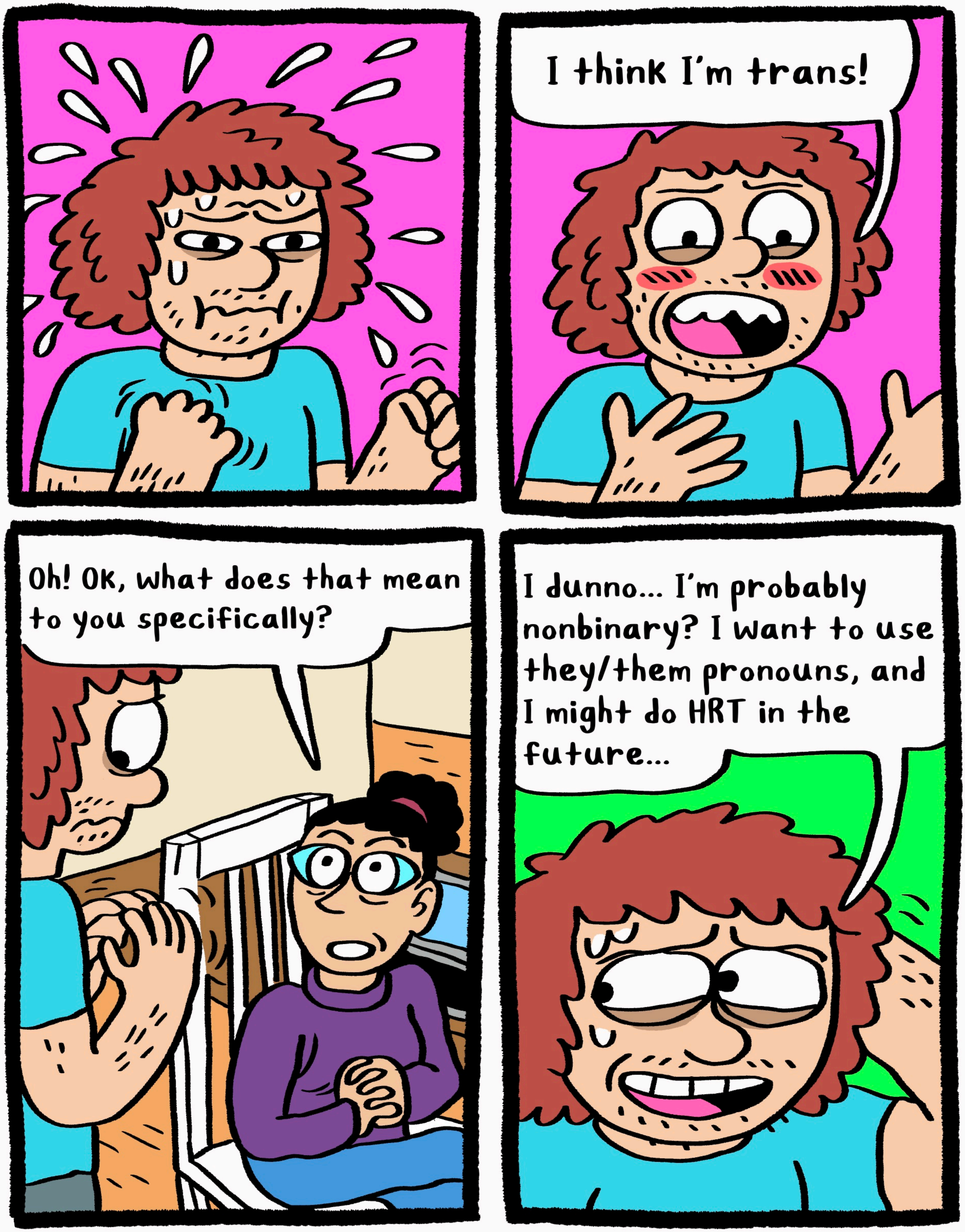
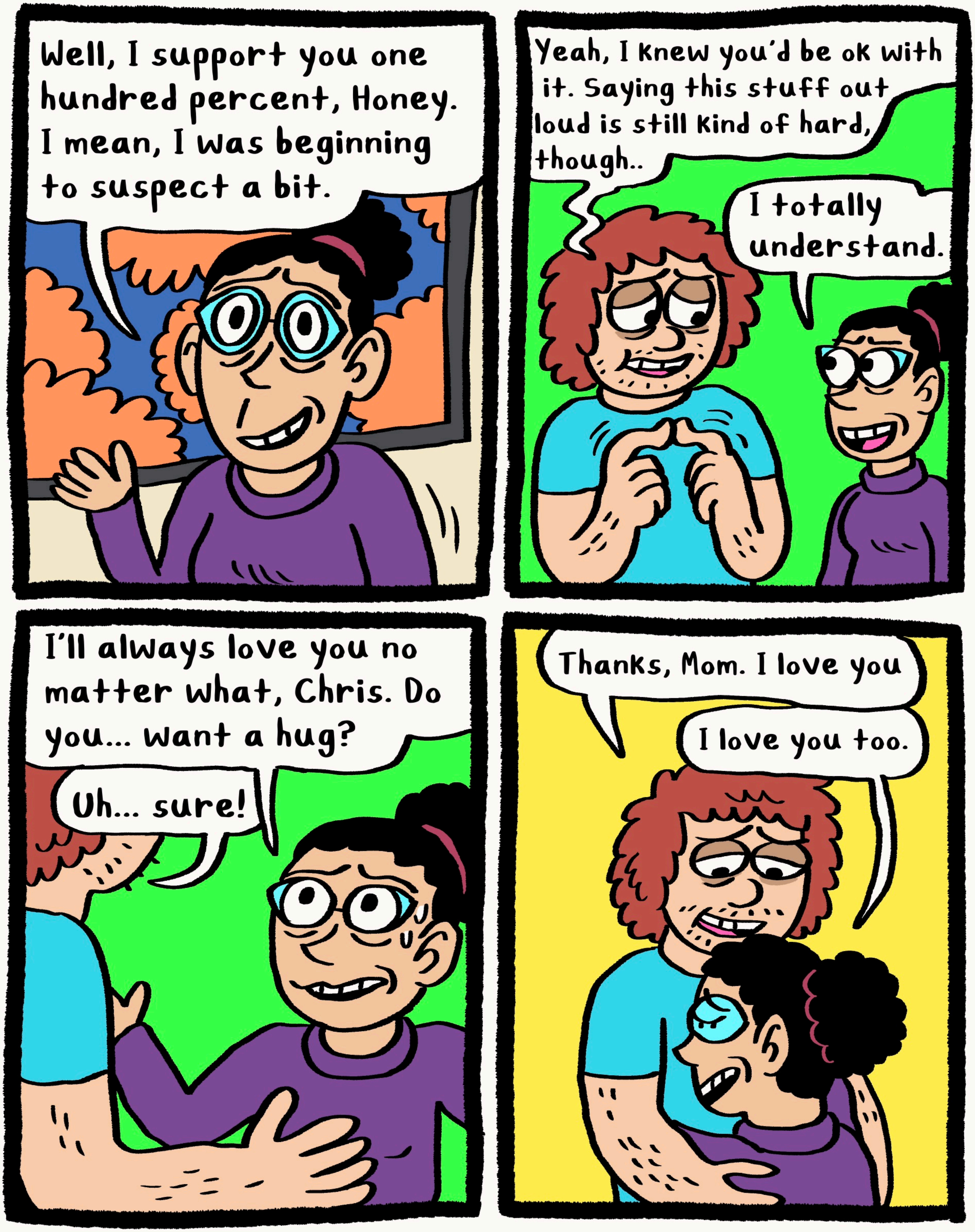

2016
Um... Hey, Mom, can I talk to you about something?
Why, what happened now?
It's nothing bad! I just... uh... well...


I think I'm trans!
Oh! OK, what does that mean to you specifically?
I dunno... I'm probably nonbinary? I want to use they/them pronouns, and I might do HRT in the future...


Well, I support you one hundred percent, Honey. I mean, I was beginning to suspect a bit.
Yeah, I knew you'd be ok with it. Saying this stuff out loud is still kind of hard, though..
I totally understand.
I'll always love you no matter what, Chris. Do you... want a hug?
Uh... sure!
Thanks, Mom. I love you
I love you too.

BITE THE WEENIE.

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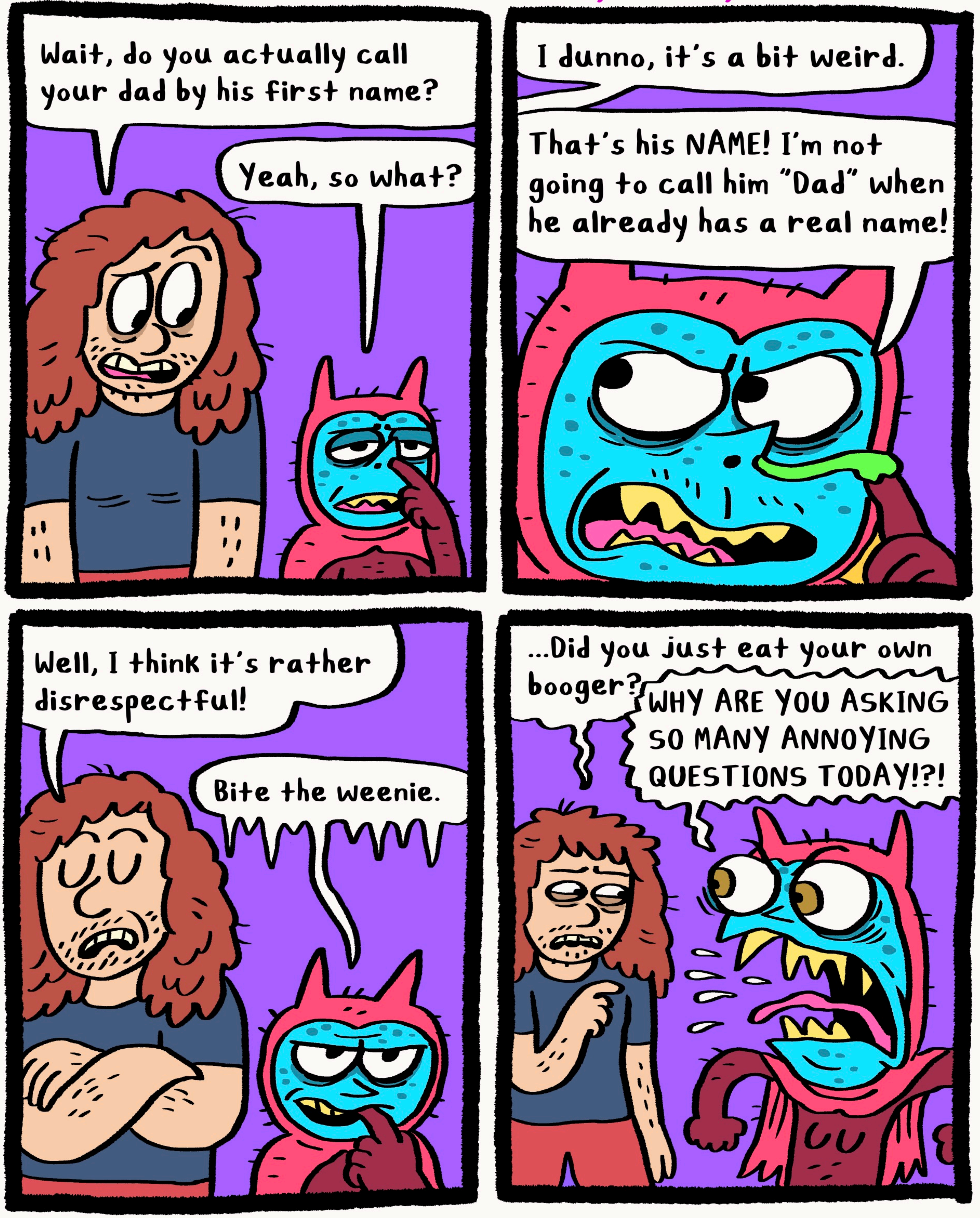
Wait, do you actually call your dad by his first name?
Yeah, so what?
I dunno, it's a bit weird.
That's his NAME! I'm not going to call him "Dad" when he already has a real name!
Well, I think it's rather disrespectful!
Bite the weenie.
...Did you just eat your own booger?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING SO MANY ANNOYING QUESTIONS TODAY!?!

TROUBLED SLEEP

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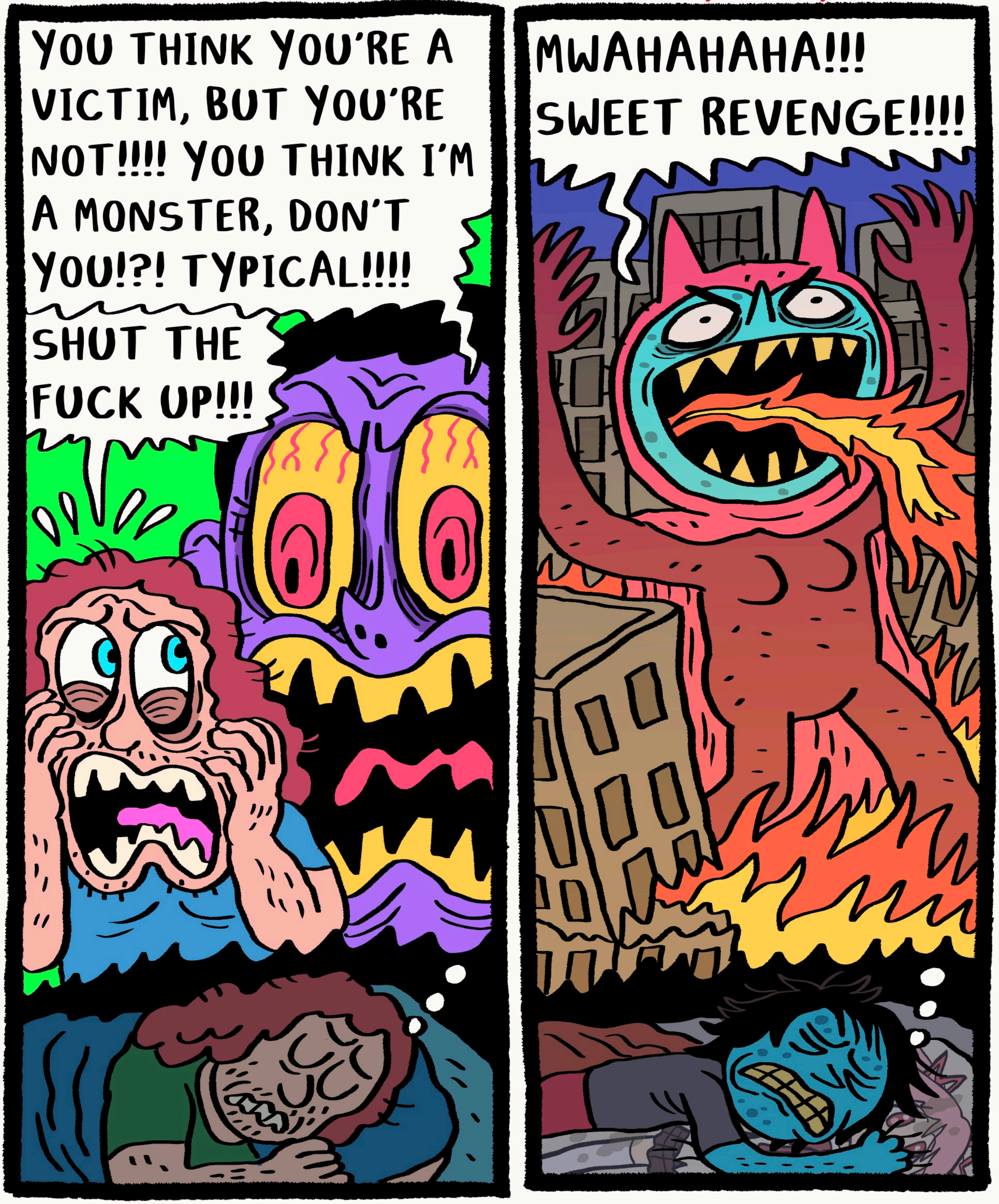
YOU THINK YOU'RE A VICTIM, BUT YOU'RE NOT!!!! YOU THINK I'M A MONSTER, DON'T YOU!?! TYPICAL!!!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!!
MWAHAHAHA!!! SWEET REVENGE!!!!

BLOOD.

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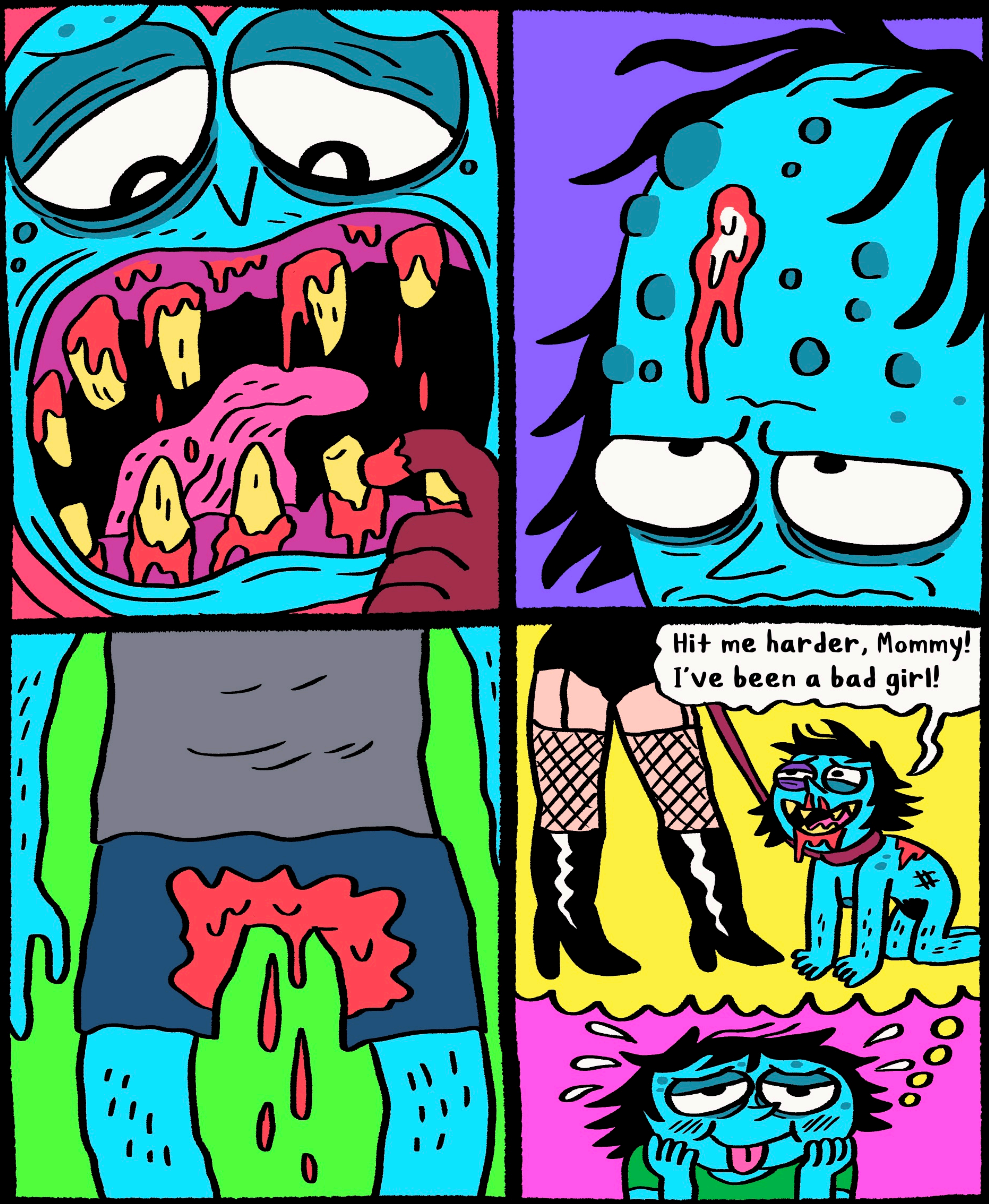
Hit me harder, Mommy! I've been a bad girl!

PRODUCTIVE SELF-CRITICISM.

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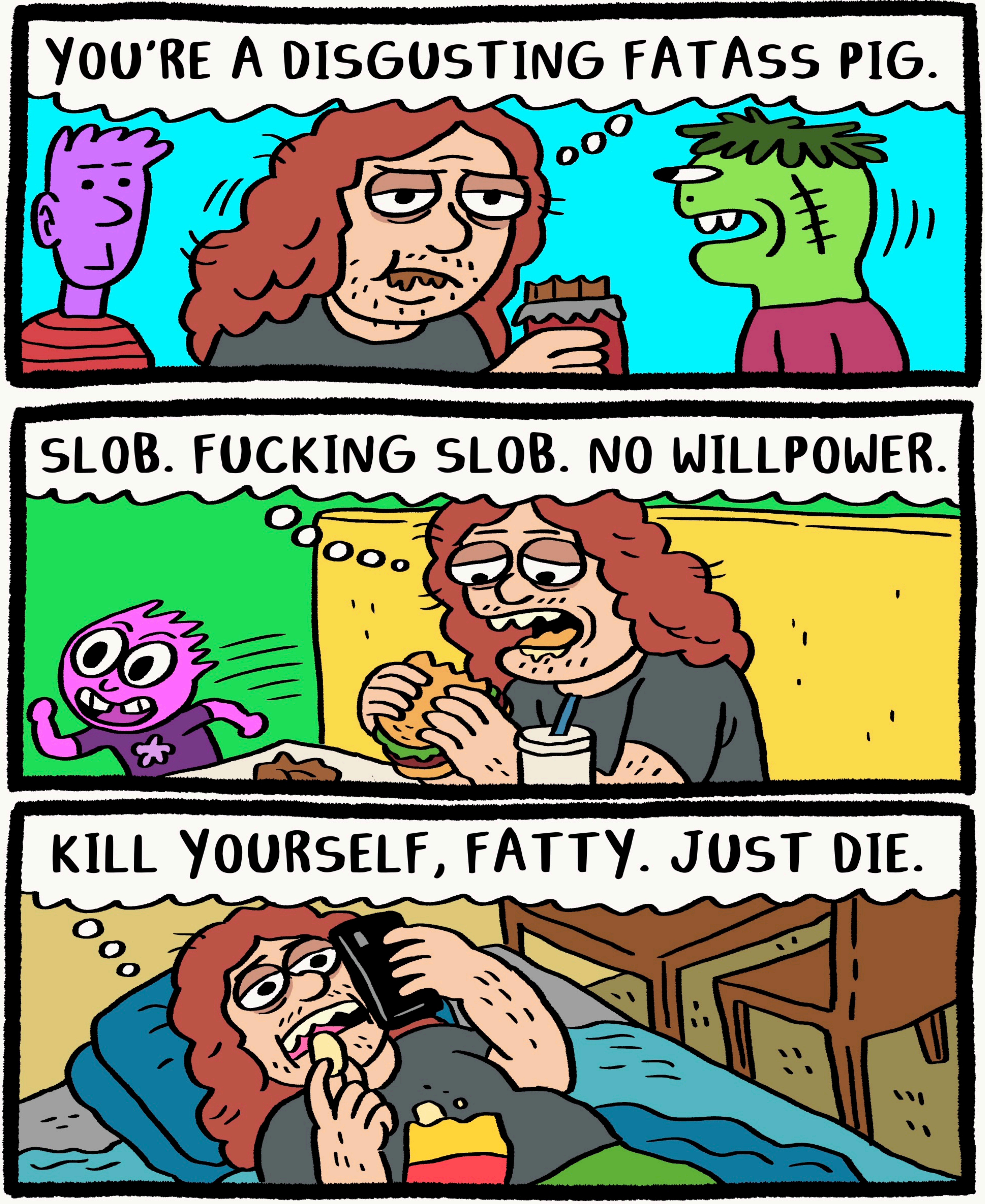
YOU'RE A DISGUSTING FATASS PIG.
SLOB. FUCKING SLOB. NO WILLPOWER.
KILL YOURSELF, FATTY. JUST DIE.

JENNY'S HISTORY OF ROMANTIC REJECTION.

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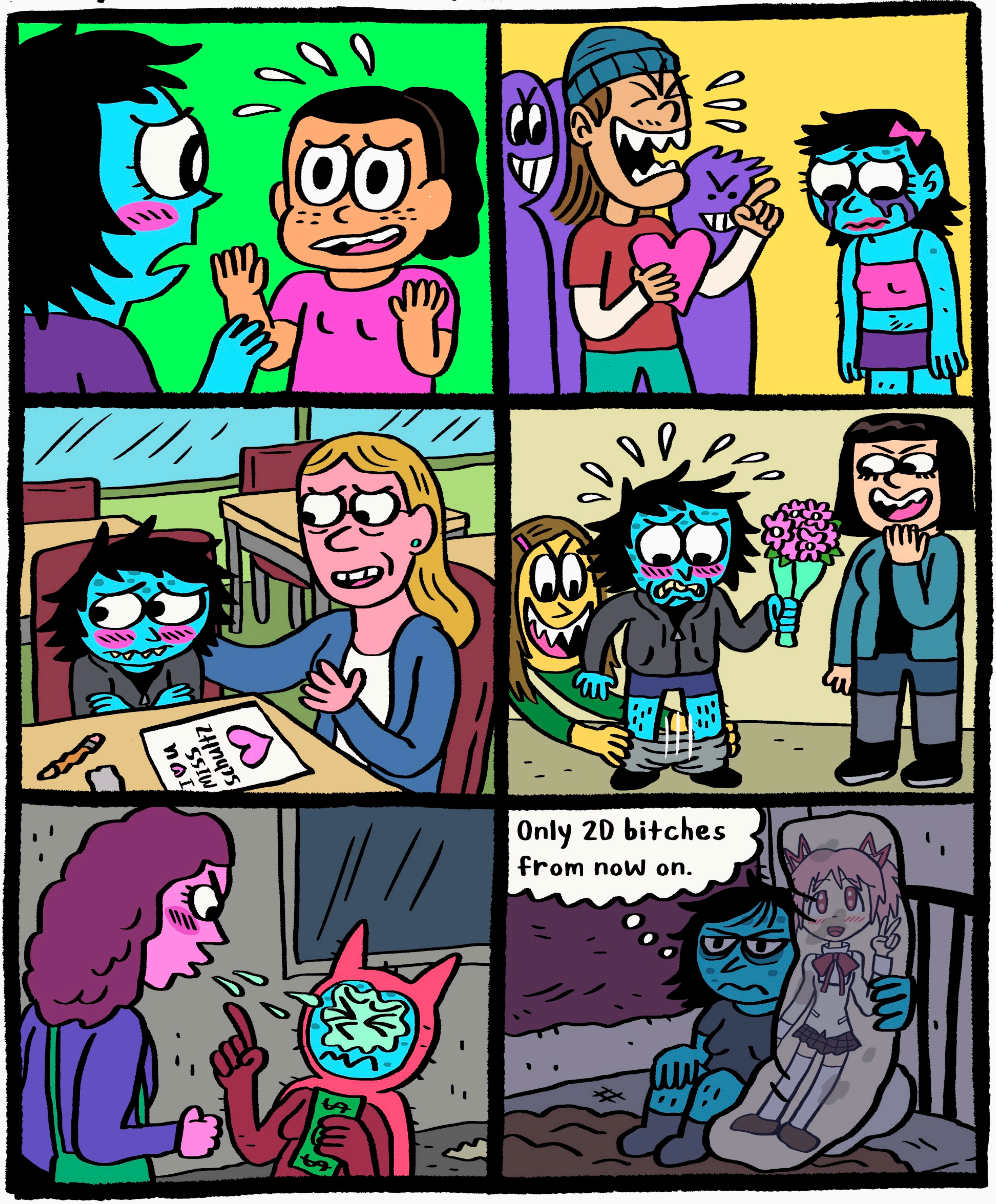
I ♡ u Miss Schultz
Only 2D bitches from now on.

UNDER THE OVERPASS.

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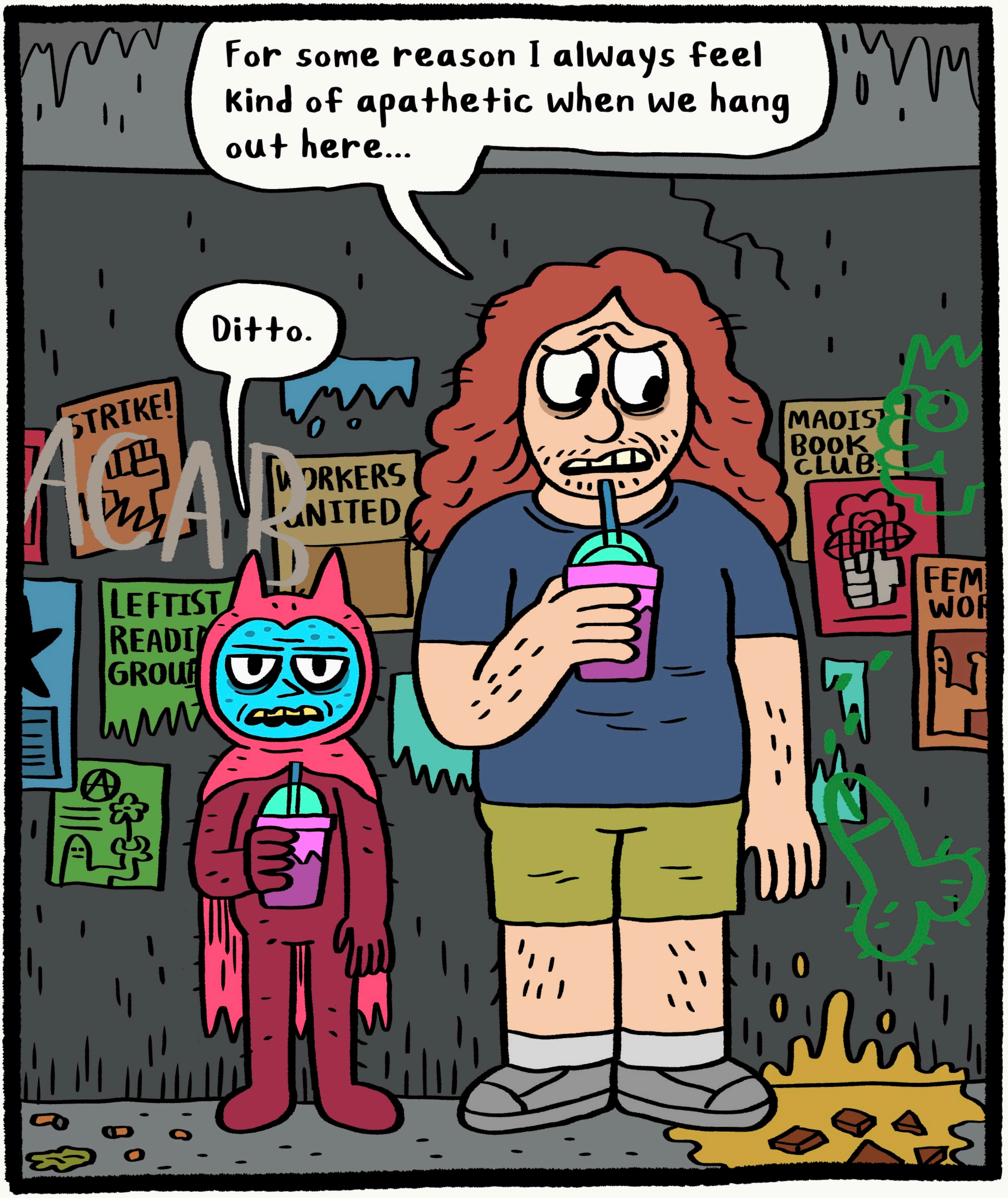
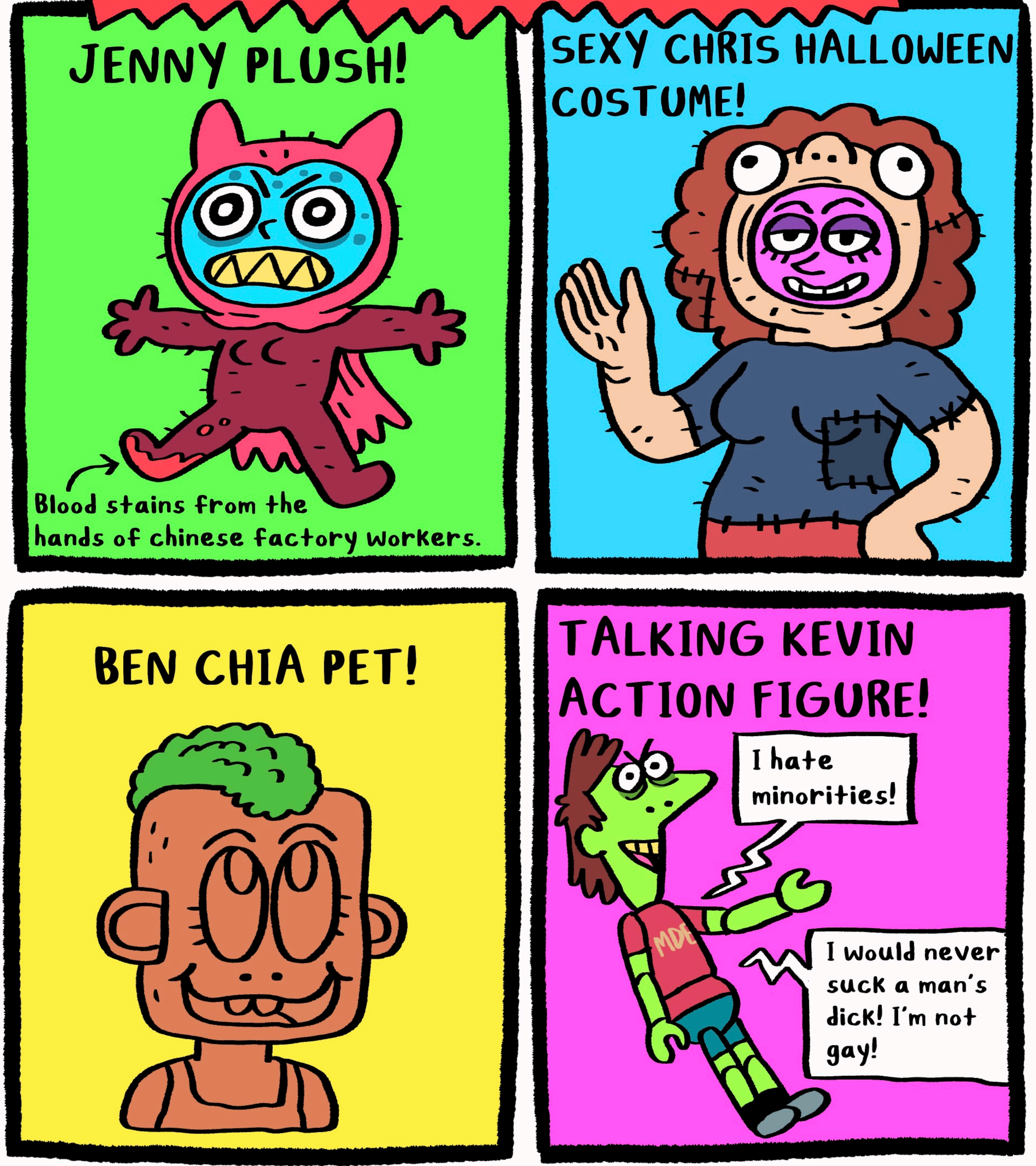

For some reason I always feel kind of apathetic when we hang out here...
Ditto.
STRIKE!
ACAB
WORKERS UNITED
LEFTIST READI GROU
MAOIST BOOK CLUB
FEM WOR

OUR PERMANENT VACATION MERCHANDISE!!!


JENNY PLUSH!
Blood stains from the hands of chinese factory workers.
SEXY CHRIS HALLOWEEN COSTUME!
BEN CHIA PET!
TALKING KEVIN ACTION FIGURE!
I hate minorities!
MDE
I would never suck a man's dick! I'm not gay!

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TRUE LOVE -

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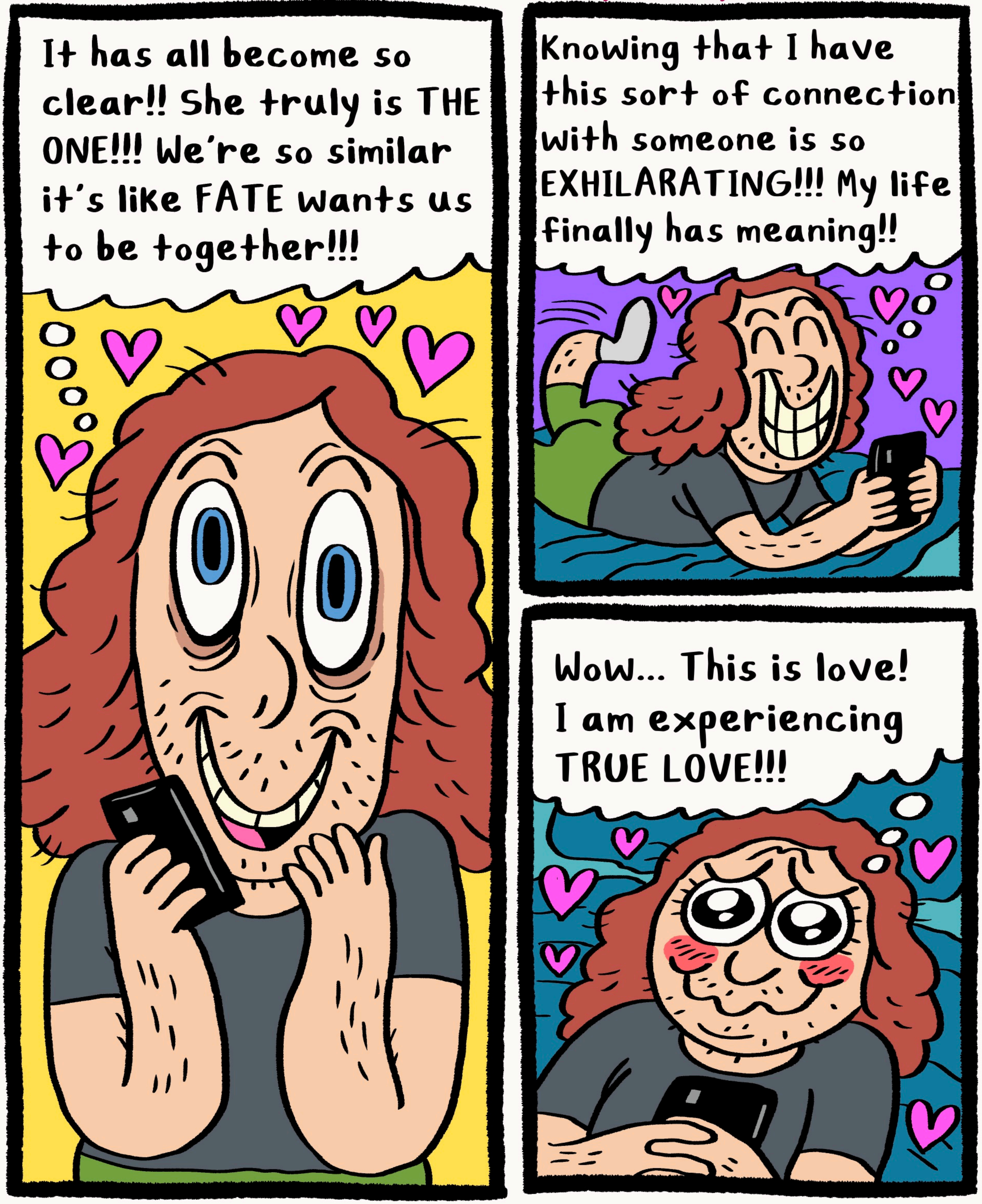
It has all become so clear!! She truly is THE ONE!!! We're so similar it's like FATE wants us to be together!!!
Knowing that I have this sort of connection with someone is so EXHILARATING!!! My life finally has meaning!!
Wow... This is love! I am experiencing TRUE LOVE!!!

HOW JENNY AND CHRIS EARN MONEY.

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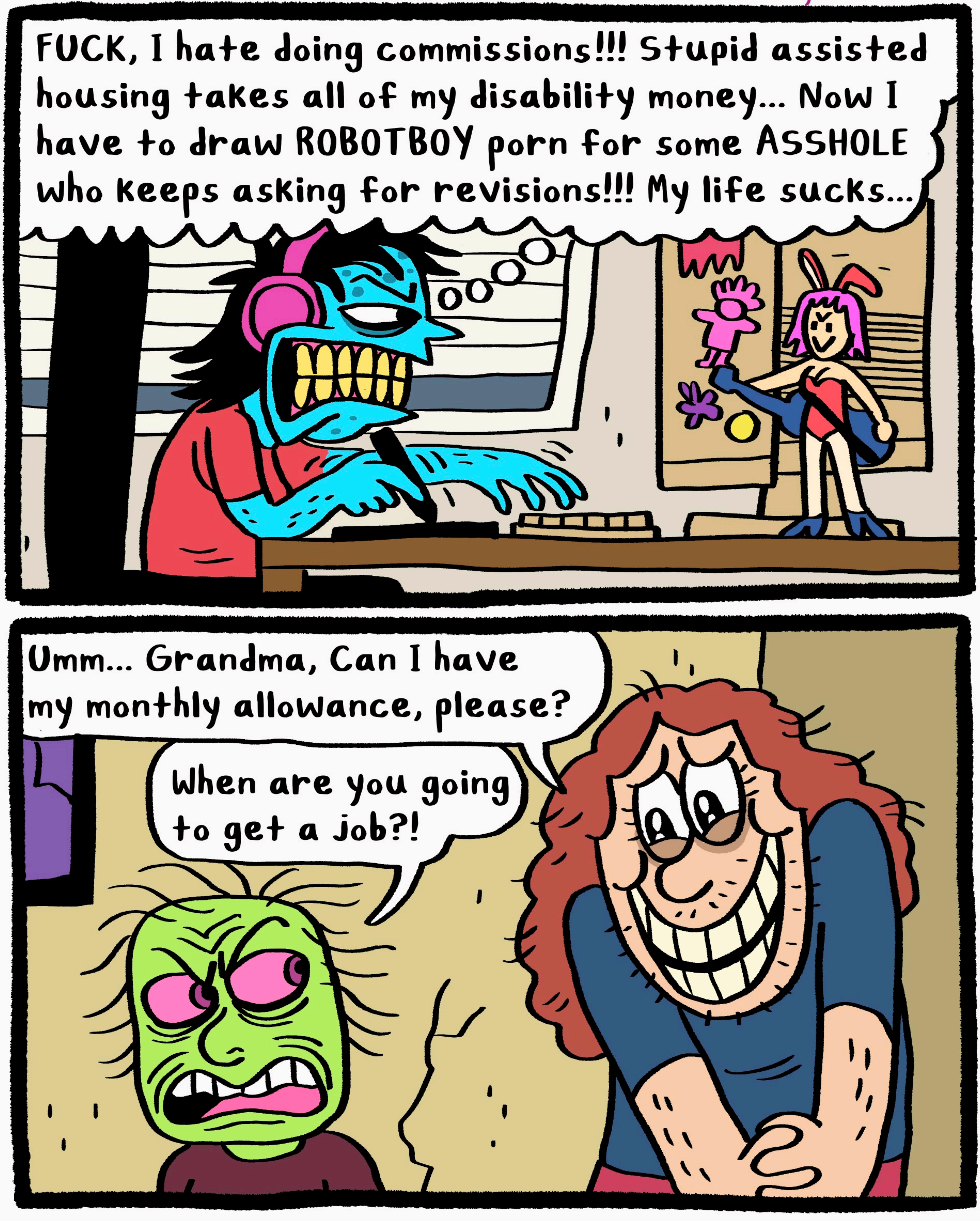
FUCK, I hate doing commissions!!! Stupid assisted housing takes all of my disability money... Now I have to draw ROBOTBOY porn for some ASSHOLE who keeps asking for revisions!!! My life sucks...
Umm... Grandma, Can I have my monthly allowance, please?
When are you going to get a job?!

CHRIS'S FRIENDSHIPS OVER THE YEARS.

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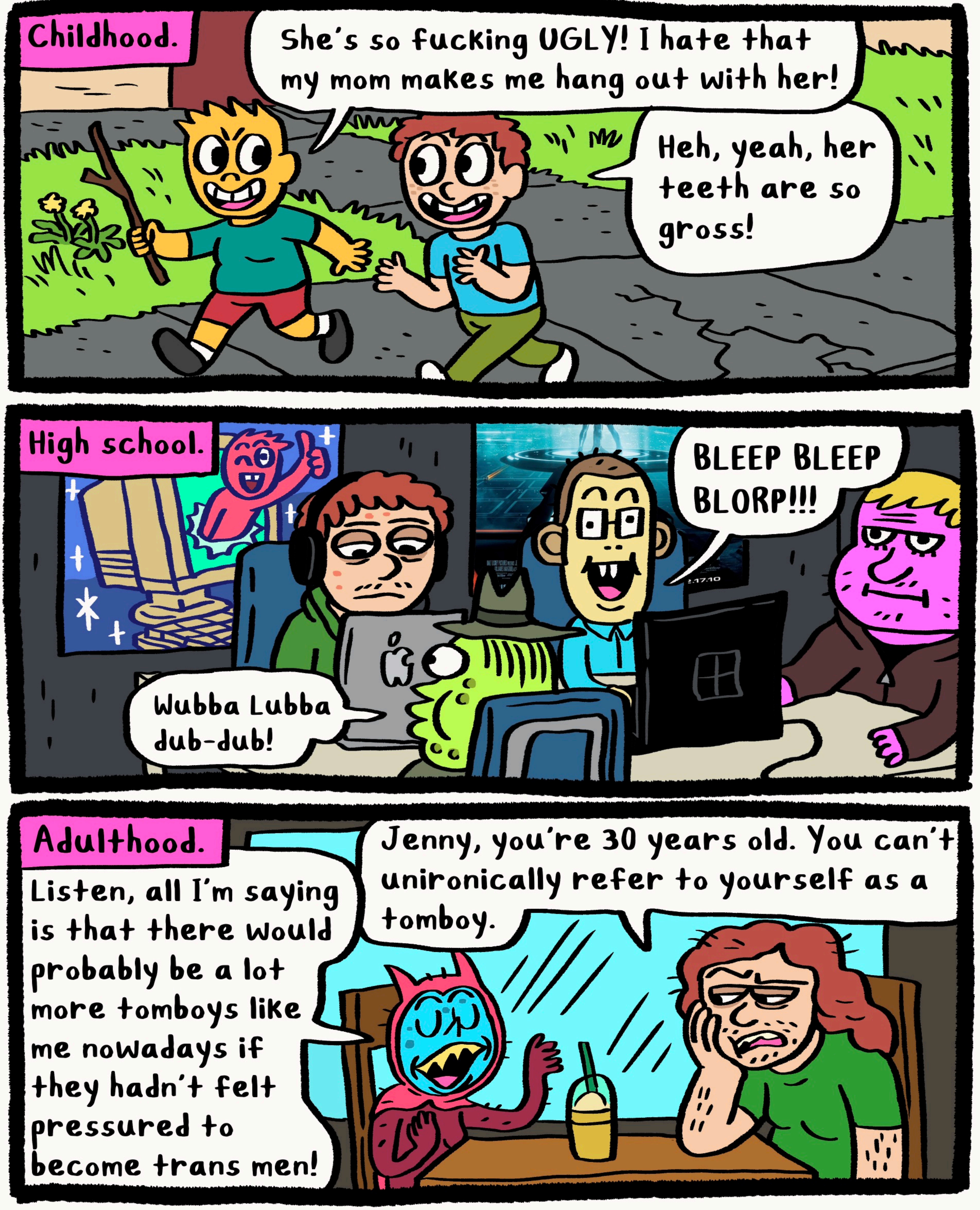
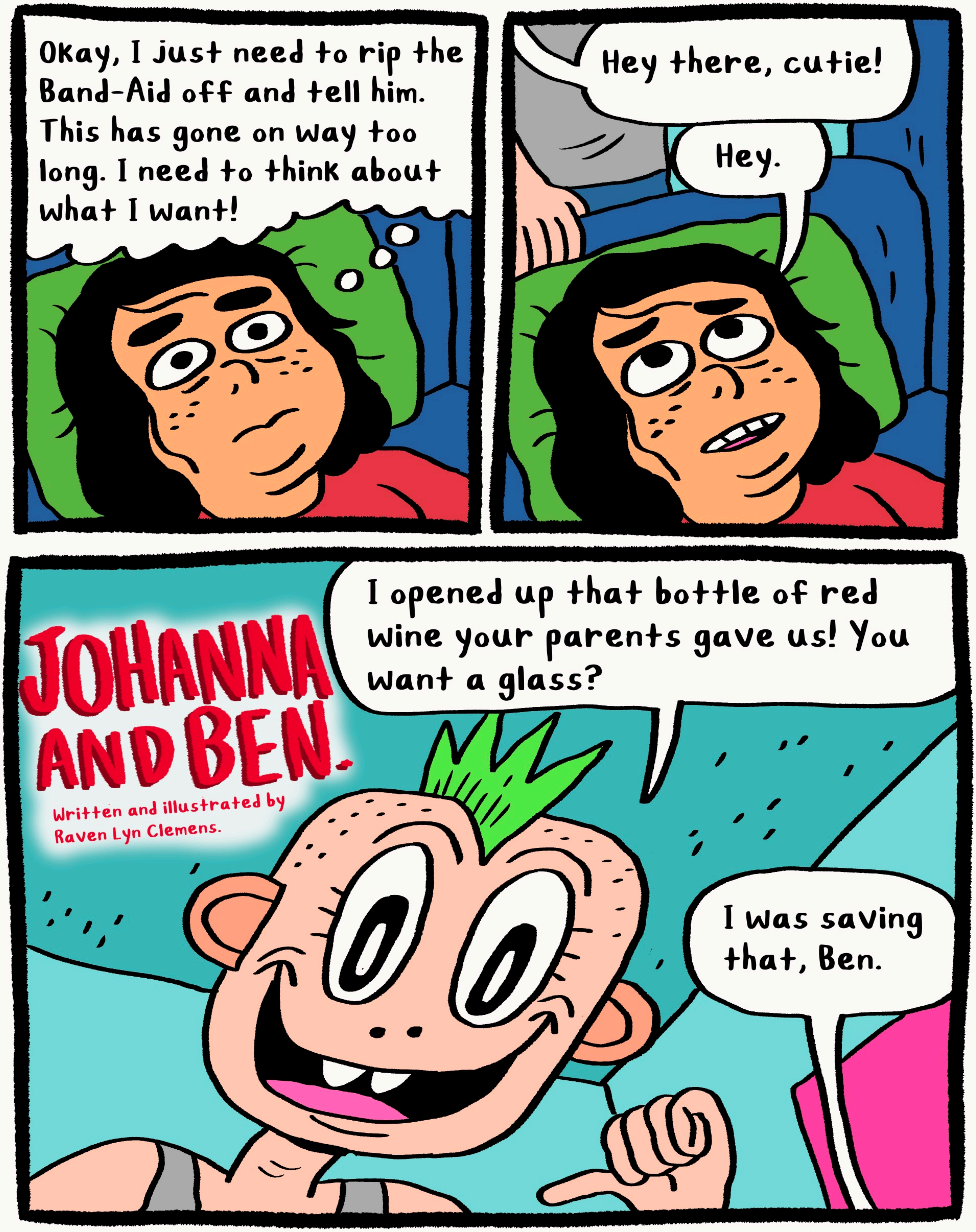

Childhood.
She's so fucking UGLY! I hate that my mom makes me hang out with her!
Heh, yeah, her teeth are so gross!
High school.
BLEEP BLEEP BLORP!!!
Wubba Lubba dub-dub!
Adulthood.
Jenny, you're 30 years old. You can't unironically refer to yourself as a tomboy.
Listen, all I'm saying is that there would probably be a lot more tomboys like me nowadays if they hadn't felt pressured to become trans men!


Okay, I just need to rip the Band-Aid off and tell him. This has gone on way too long. I need to think about what I want!
Hey there, cutie!
Hey.
JOHANNA AND BEN.
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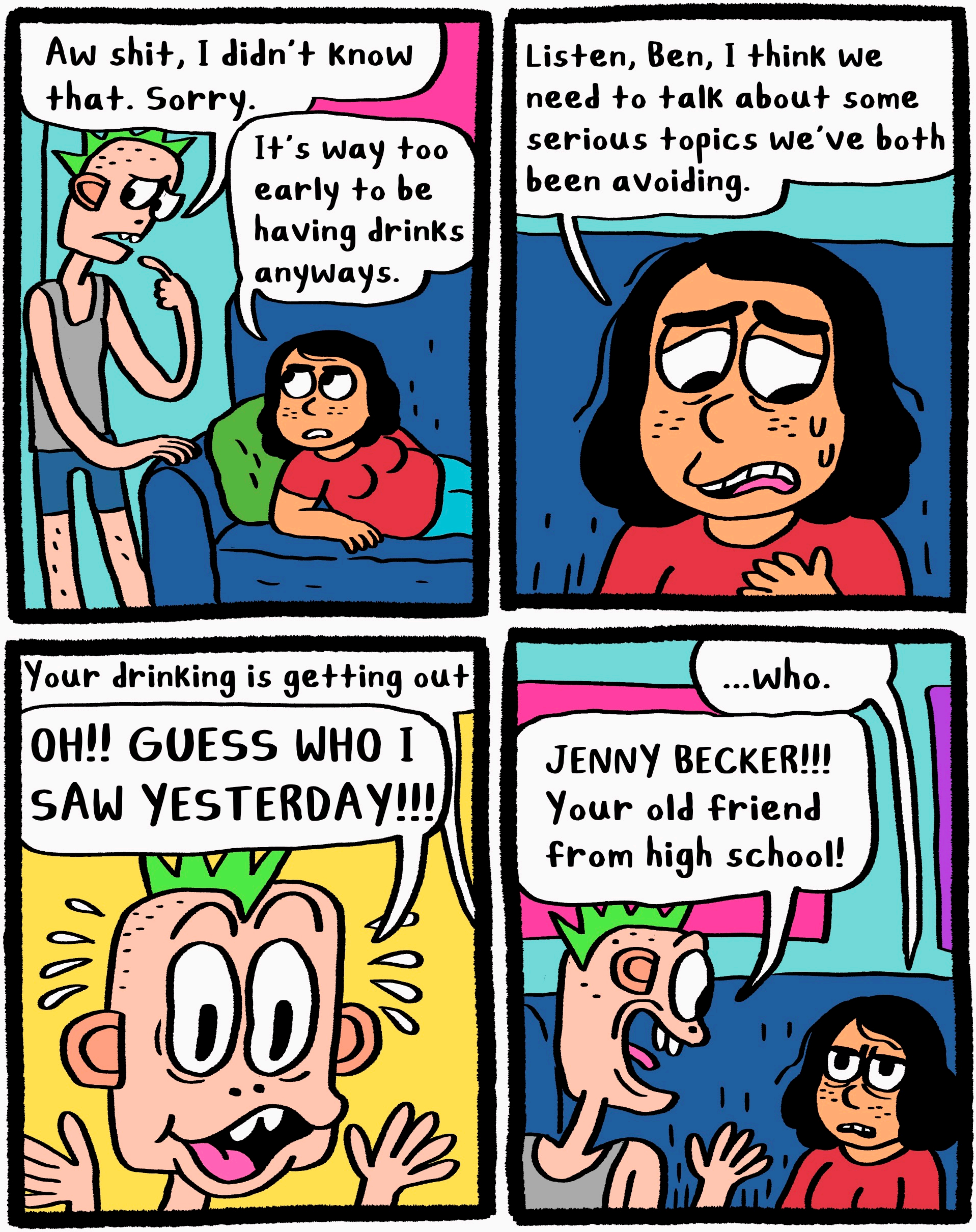
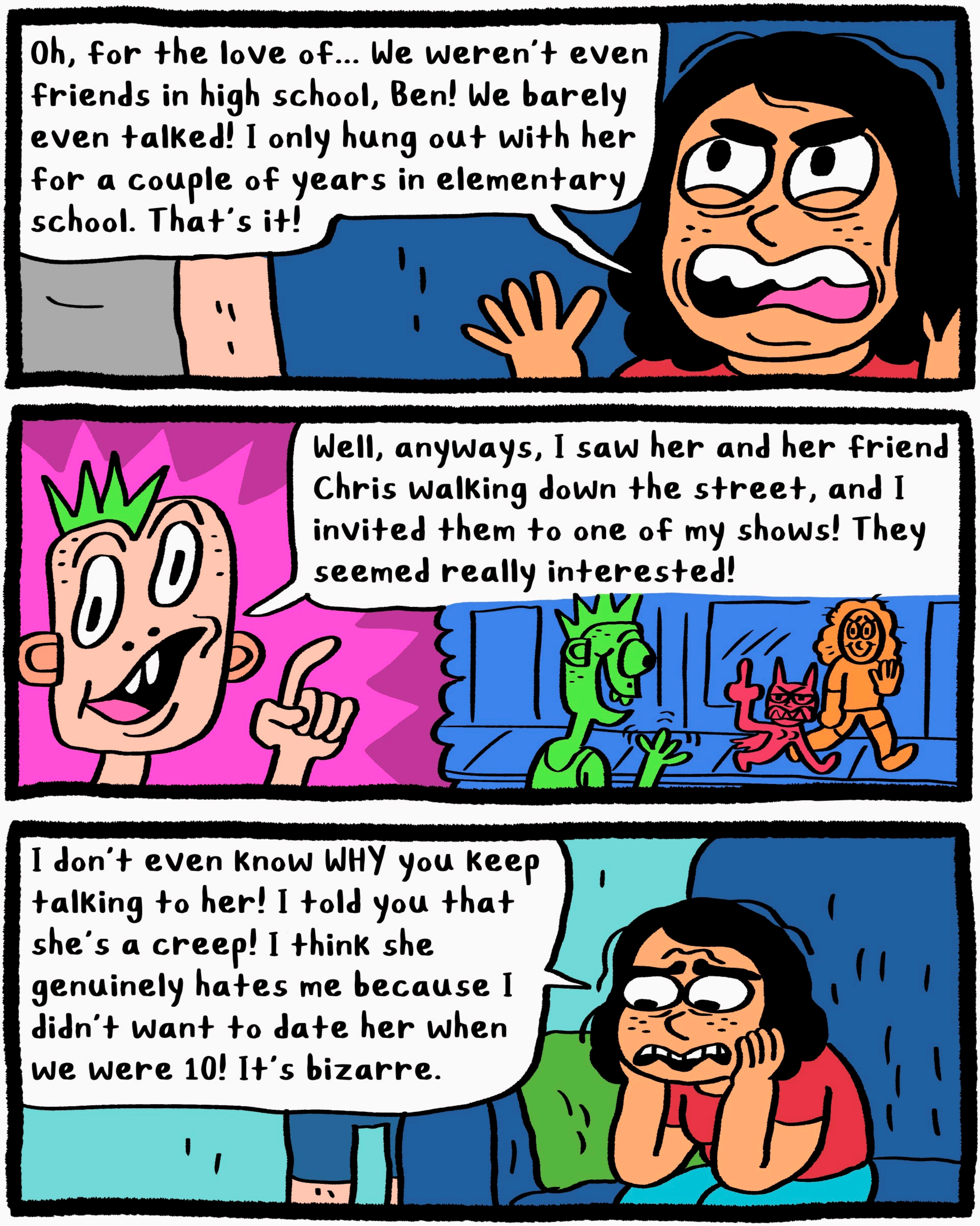
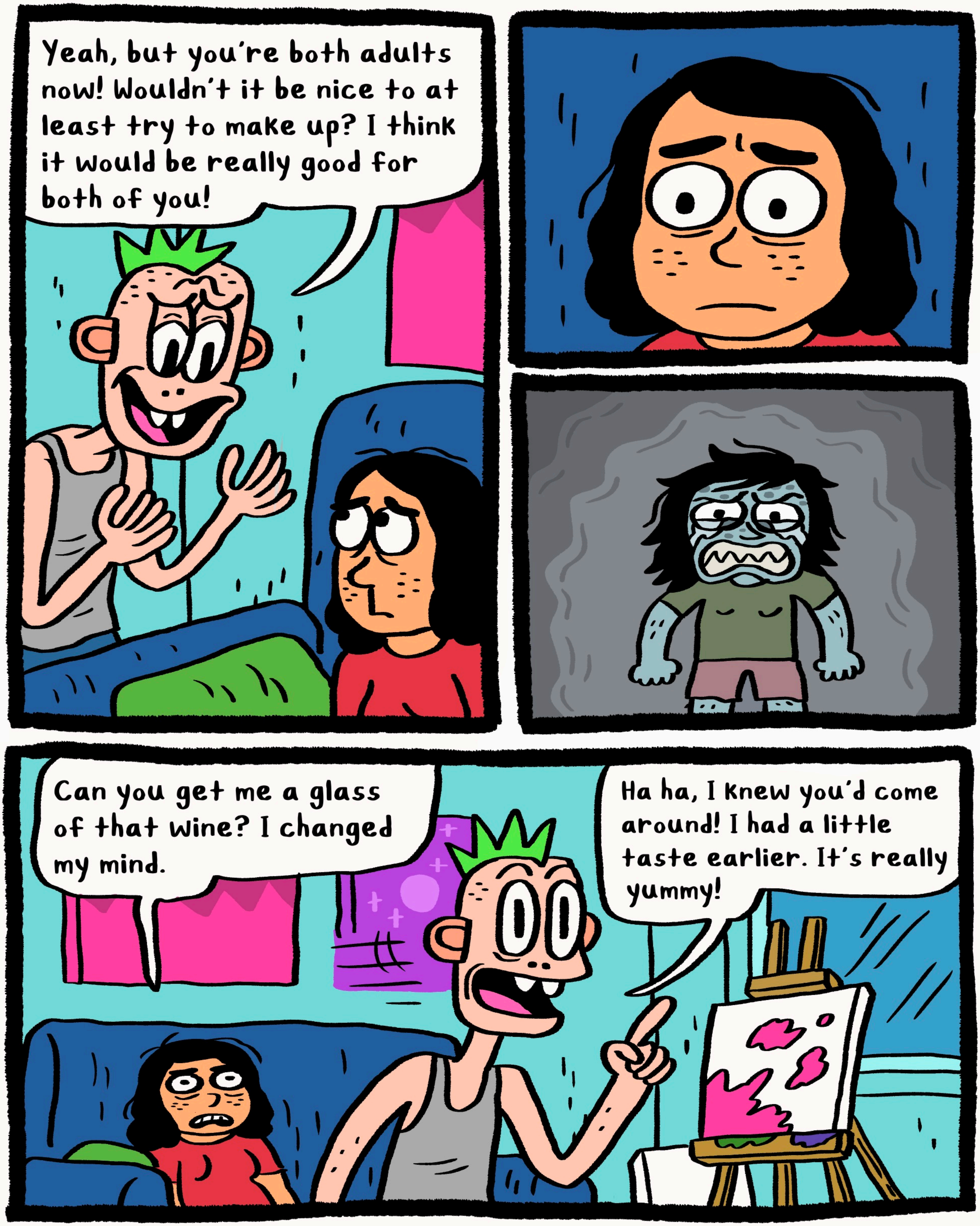
I opened up that bottle of red wine your parents gave us! You want a glass?
I was saving that, Ben.


Aw shit, I didn't know that. Sorry.
It's way too early to be having drinks anyways.
Listen, Ben, I think we need to talk about some serious topics we've both been avoiding.
Your drinking is getting out
OH!! GUESS WHO I SAW YESTERDAY!!!
...who.
JENNY BECKER!!! Your old friend from high school!


Oh, for the love of... We weren't even friends in high school, Ben! We barely even talked! I only hung out with her for a couple of years in elementary school. That's it!
Well, anyways, I saw her and her friend Chris walking down the street, and I invited them to one of my shows! They seemed really interested!
I don't even know WHY you keep talking to her! I told you that she's a creep! I think she genuinely hates me because I didn't want to date her when we were 10! It's bizarre.


Yeah, but you're both adults now! Wouldn't it be nice to at least try to make up? I think it would be really good for both of you!
Can you get me a glass of that wine? I changed my mind.
Ha ha, I knew you'd come around! I had a little taste earlier. It's really yummy!

JENNY IS SWEATY

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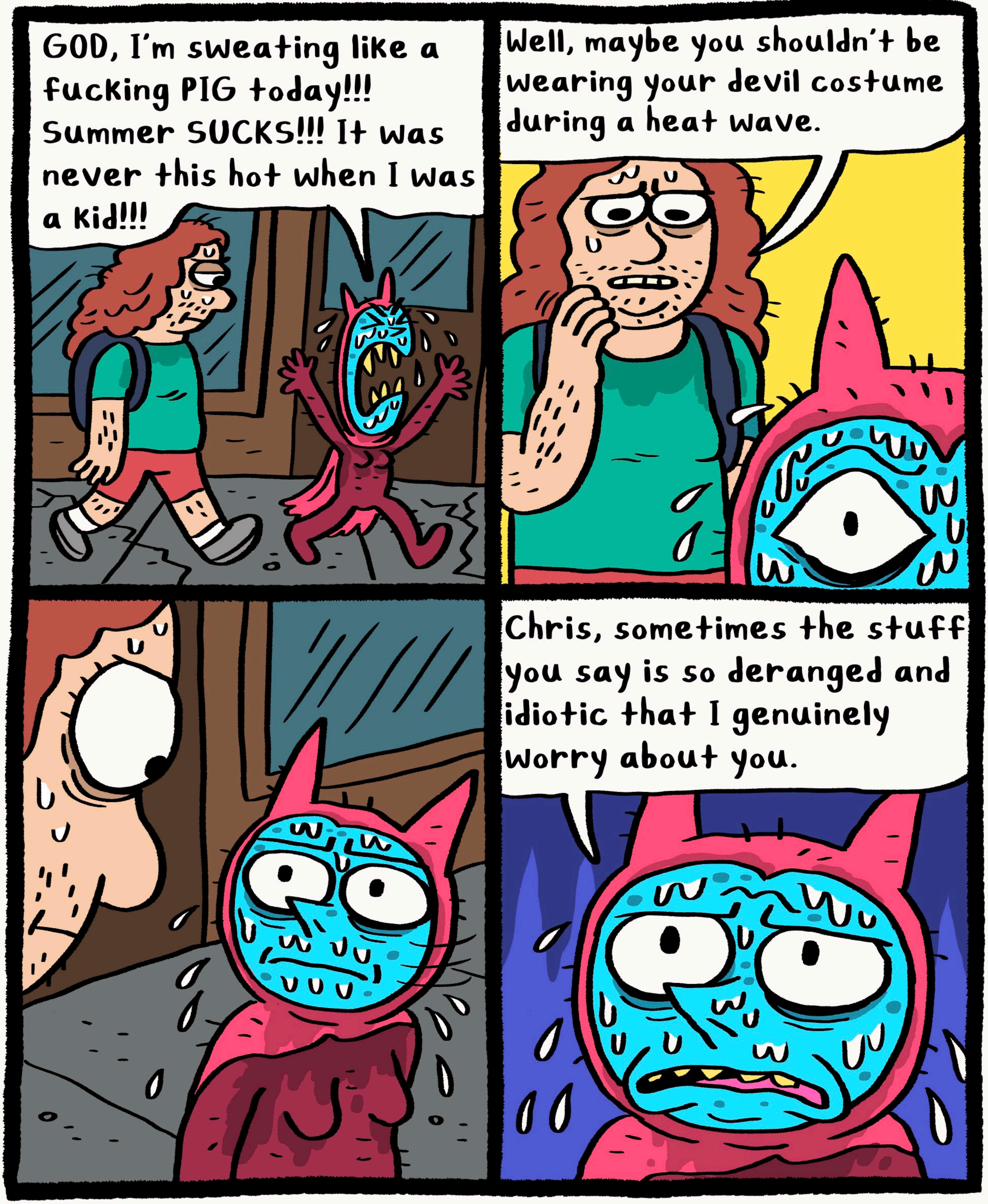
GOD, I'm sweating like a fucking PIG today!!! Summer SUCKS!!! It was never this hot when I was a kid!!!
Well, maybe you shouldn't be wearing your devil costume during a heat wave.
Chris, sometimes the stuff you say is so deranged and idiotic that I genuinely worry about you.

CHRIS AND JENNY ACHIEVE MOTIVATION.

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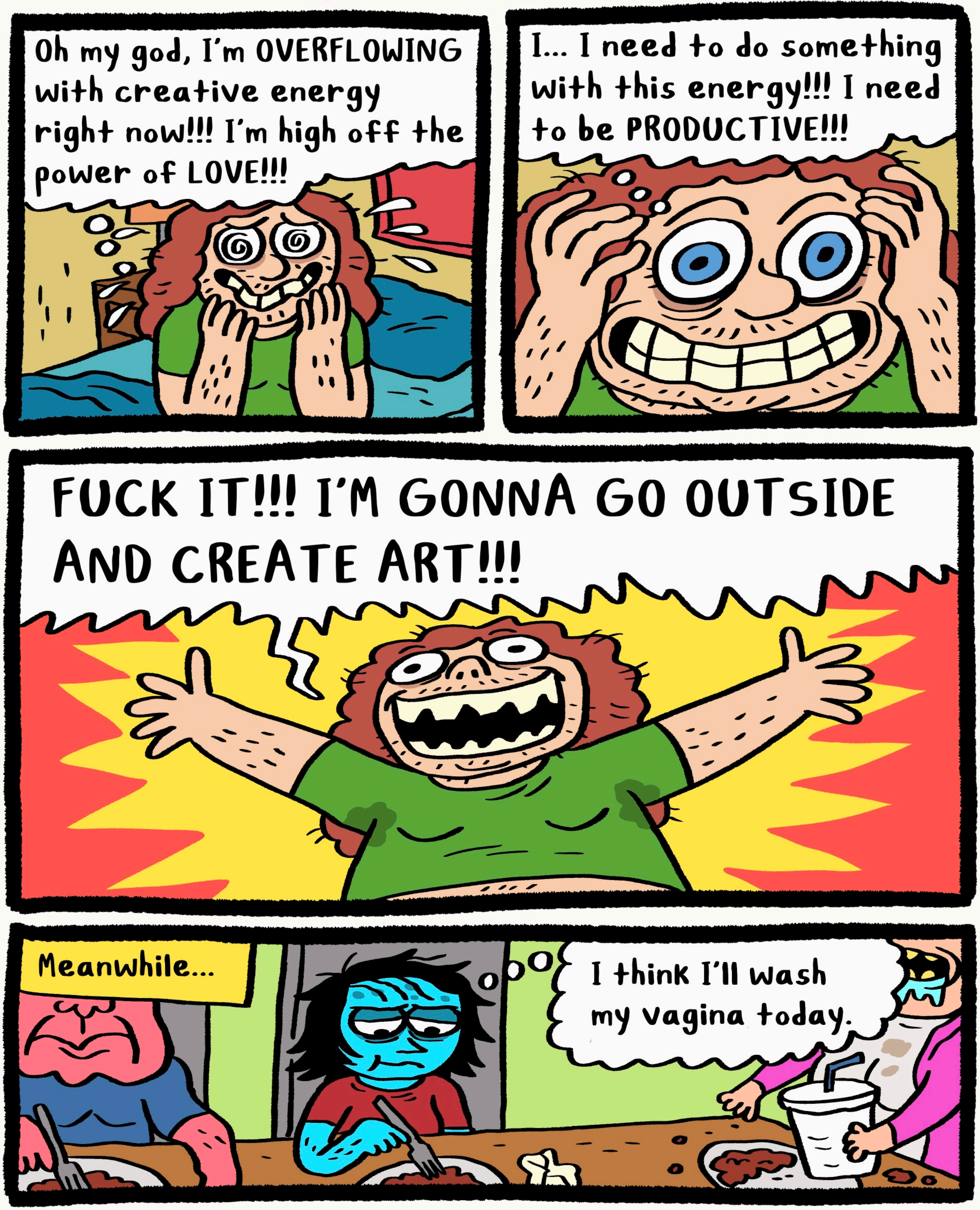
Oh my god, I'm OVERFLOWING with creative energy right now!!! I'm high off the power of LOVE!!!
I... I need to do something with this energy!!! I need to be PRODUCTIVE!!!
FUCK IT!!! I'M GONNA GO OUTSIDE AND CREATE ART!!!
Meanwhile...
I think I'll wash my vagina today.

DETAILS.

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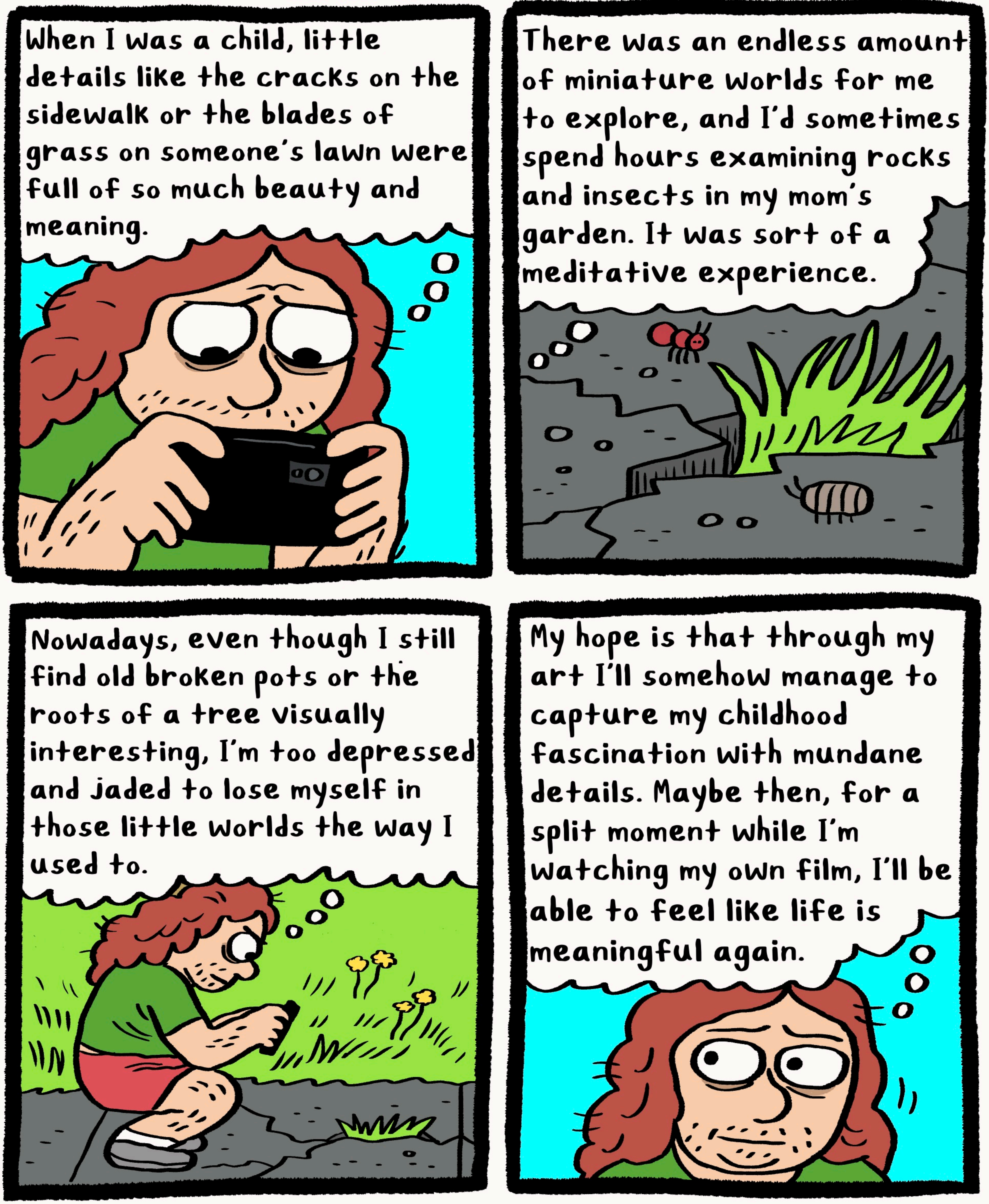
When I was a child, little details like the cracks on the sidewalk or the blades of grass on someone's lawn were full of so much beauty and meaning.
There was an endless amount of miniature worlds for me to explore, and I'd sometimes spend hours examining rocks and insects in my mom's garden. It was sort of a meditative experience.
Nowadays, even though I still find old broken pots or the roots of a tree visually interesting, I'm too depressed and jaded to lose myself in those little worlds the way I used to.
My hope is that through my art I'll somehow manage to capture my childhood fascination with mundane details. Maybe then, for a split moment while I'm watching my own film, I'll be able to feel like life is meaningful again.

DITCHED.

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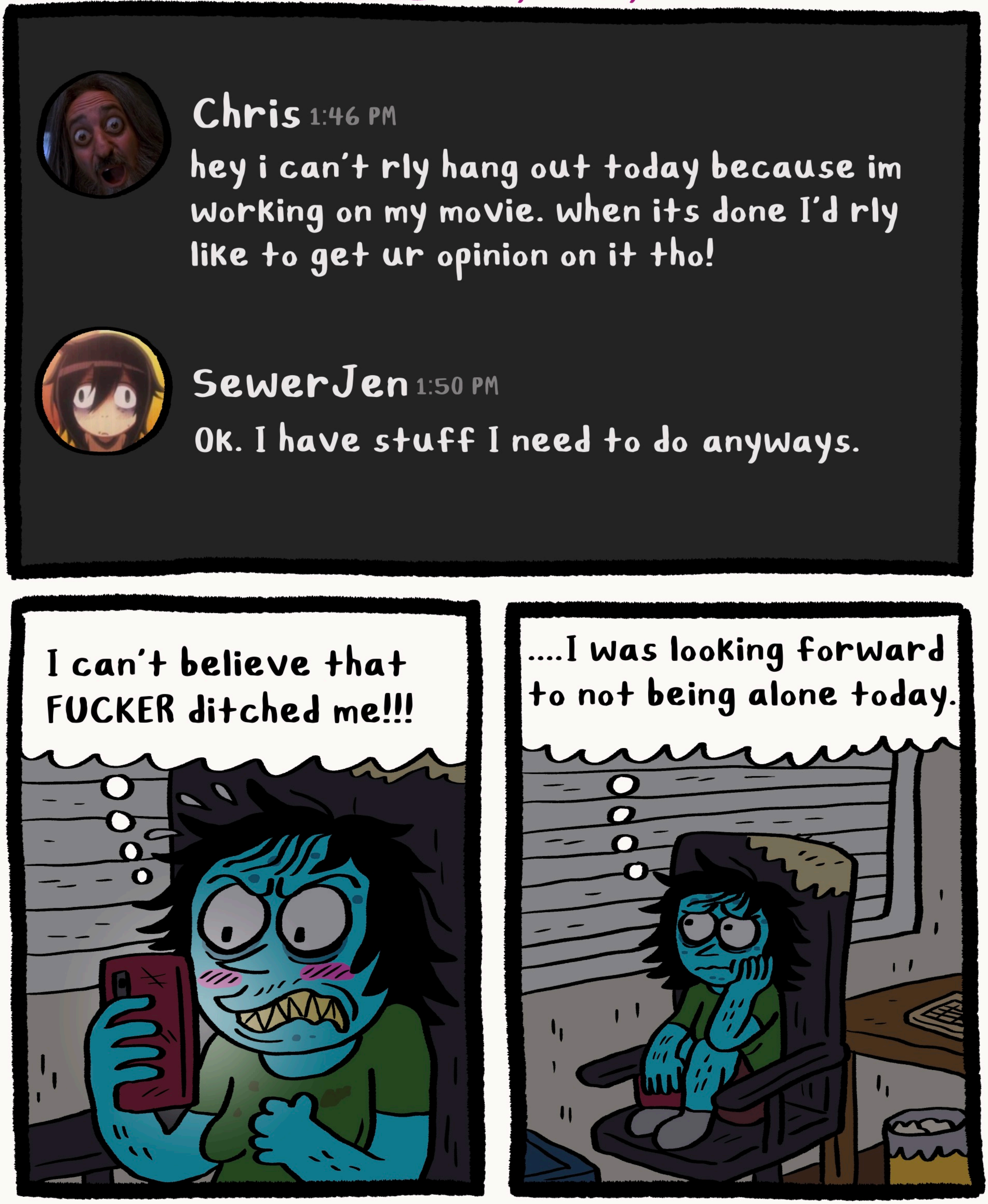

Chris 1:46 PM
hey i can't rly hang out today because im working on my movie. when its done I'd rly like to get ur opinion on it tho!

SewerJen 1:50 PM
OK. I have stuff I need to do anyways.

I can't believe that FUCKER ditched me!!!
....I was looking forward to not being alone today.

A LOOK INSIDE JENNY'S HEAD.

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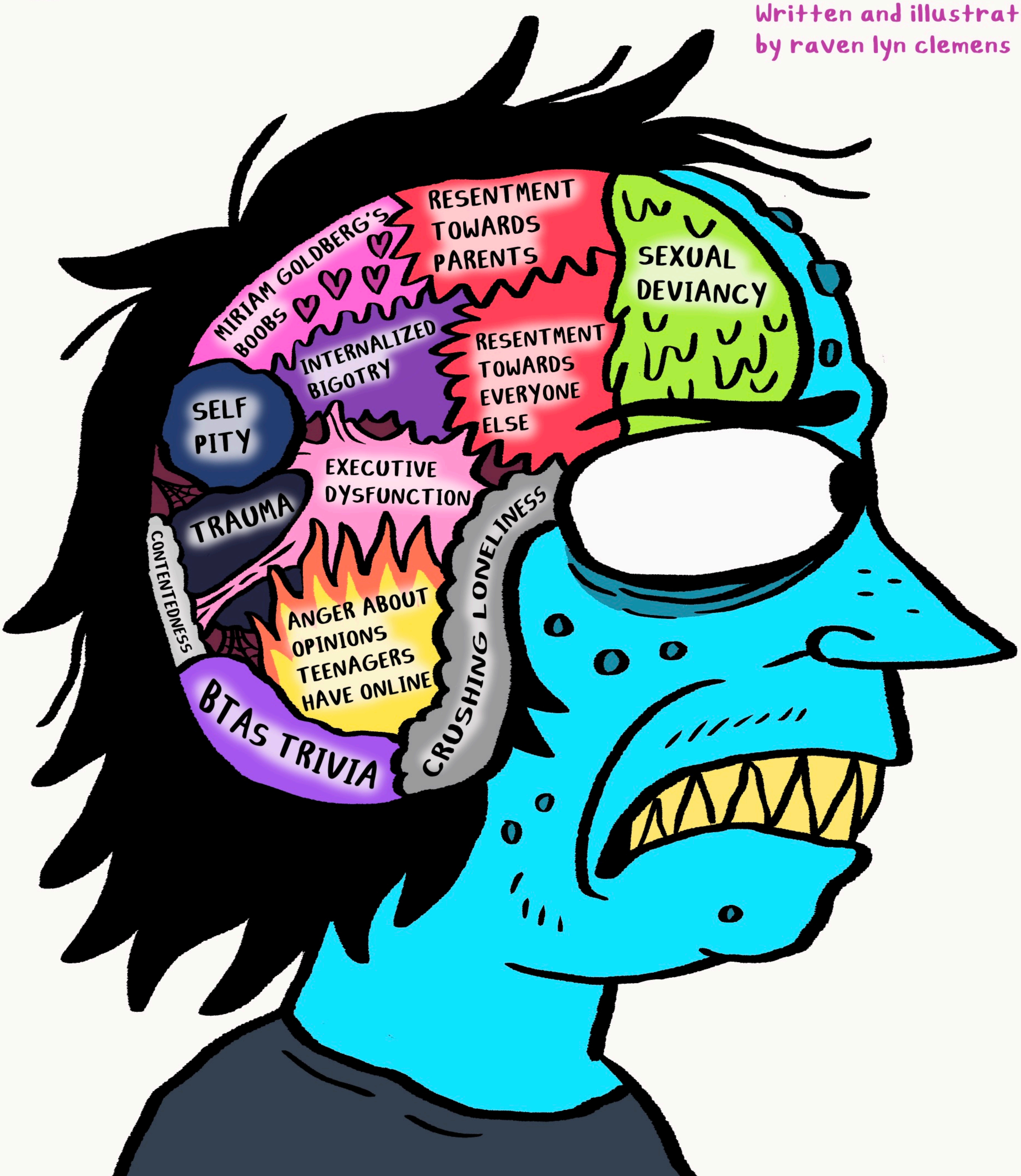
RESENTMENT TOWARDS PARENTS
SEXUAL DEVIANCY
MIRIAM GOLDBERG'S BOOBS
INTERNALIZED BIGOTRY
RESENTMENT TOWARDS EVERYONE ELSE
SELF PITY
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CHRIS VARIANTS.

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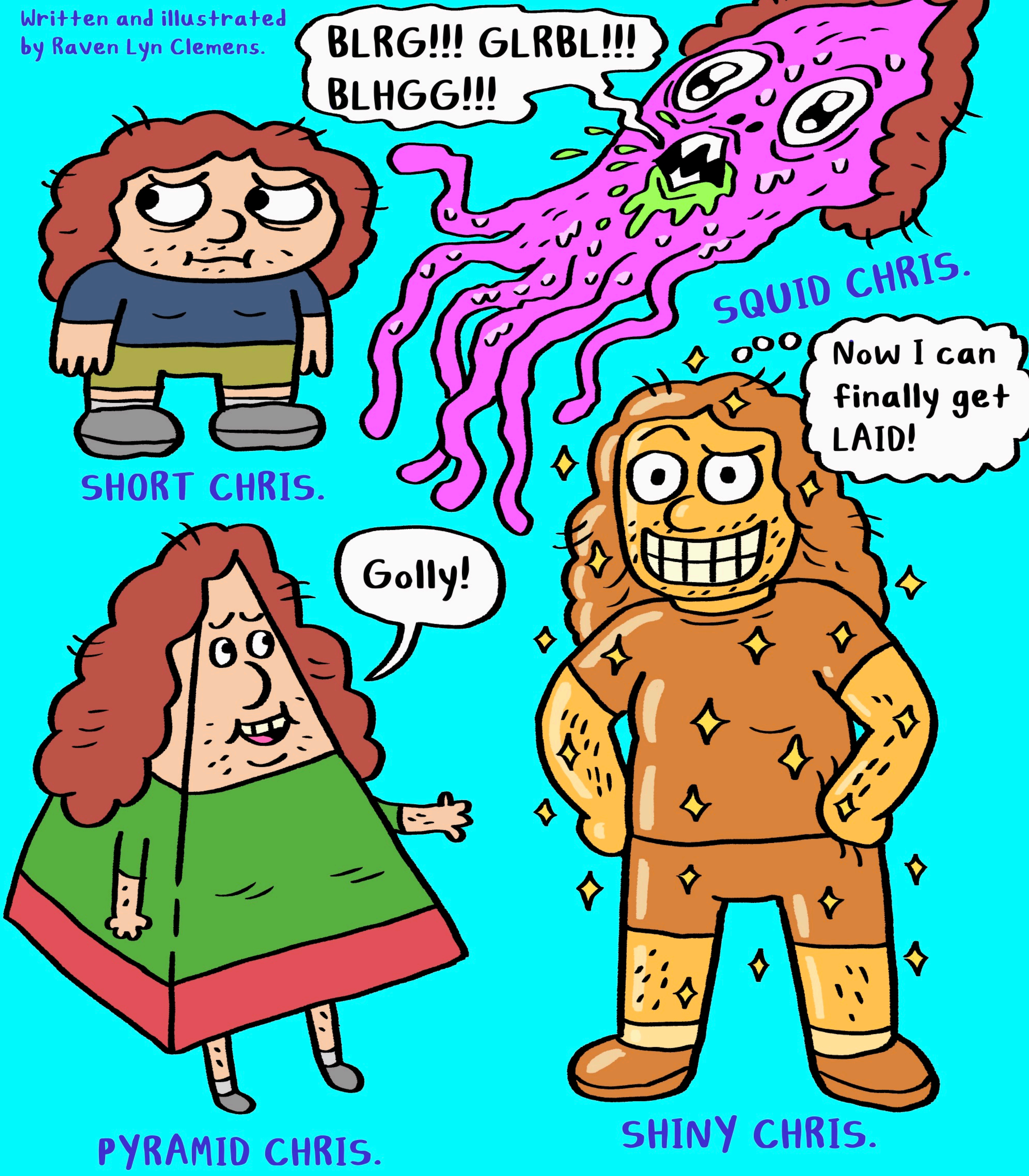
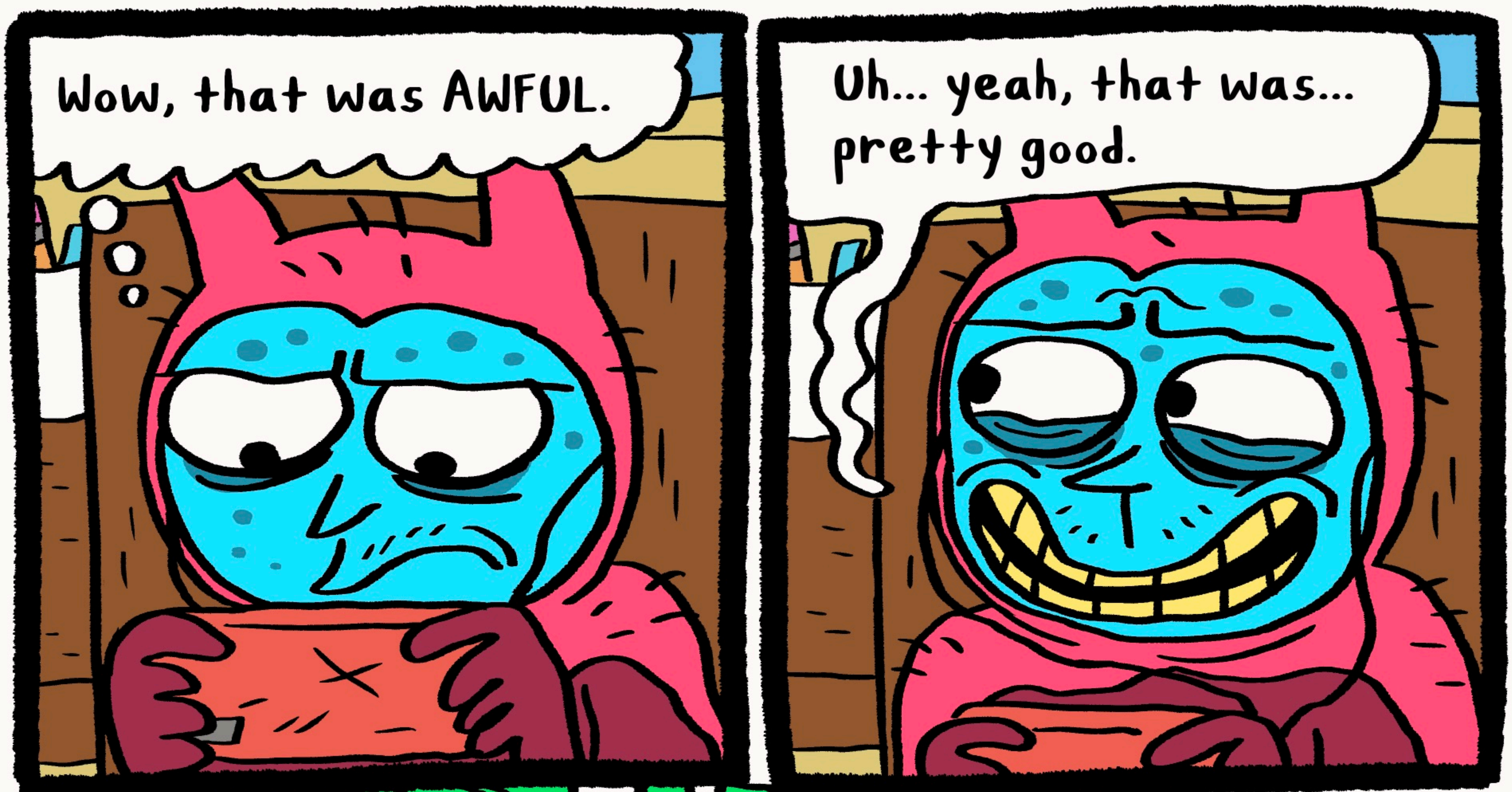

BLRG!!! GLRBL!!! BLHGG!!!
SQUID CHRIS.
SHORT CHRIS.
Now I can finally get LAID!
Golly!
PYRAMID CHRIS.
SHINY CHRIS.


Wow, that was AWFUL.
Uh... yeah, that was... pretty good.

CHRIS'S MOVIE

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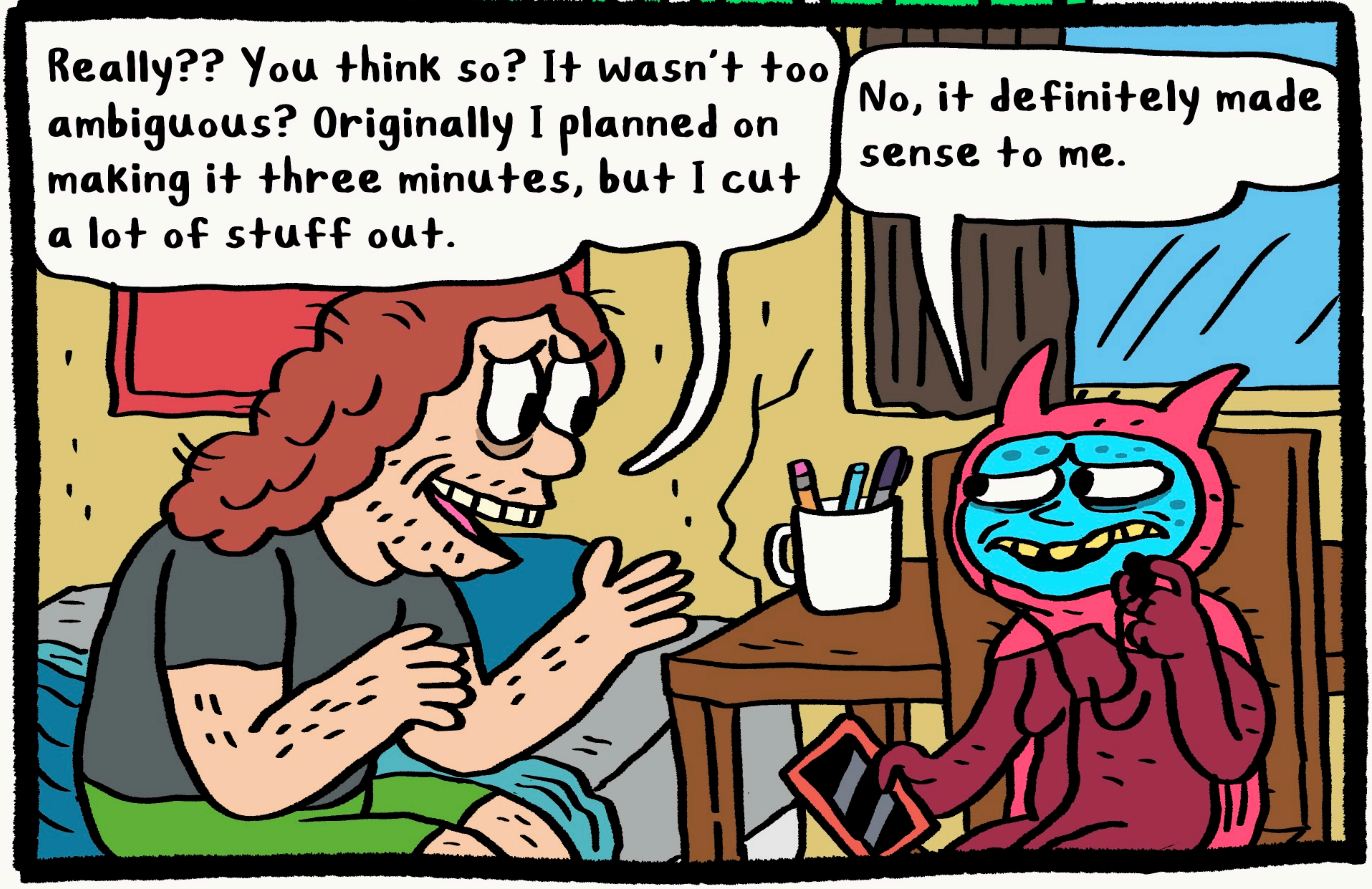
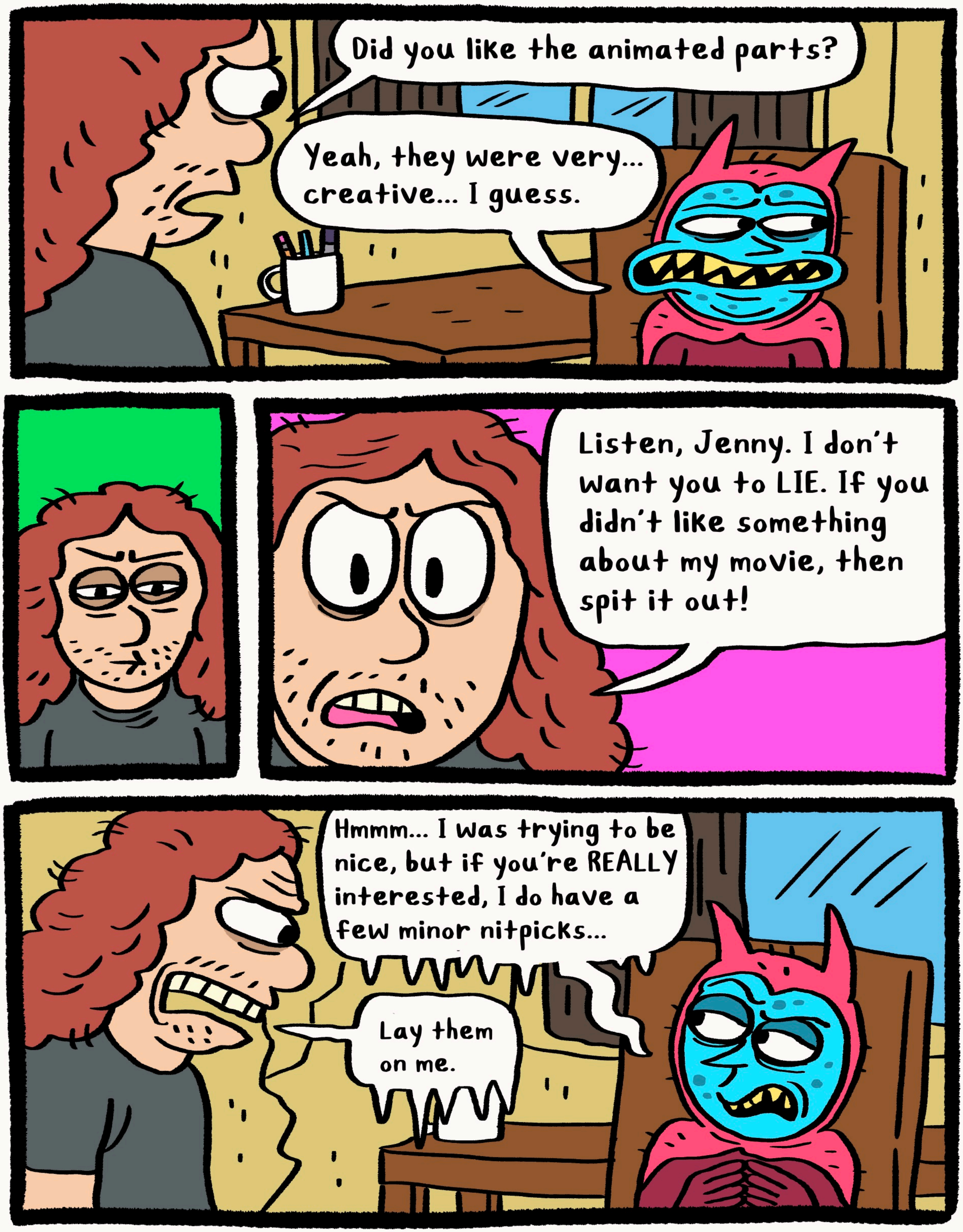
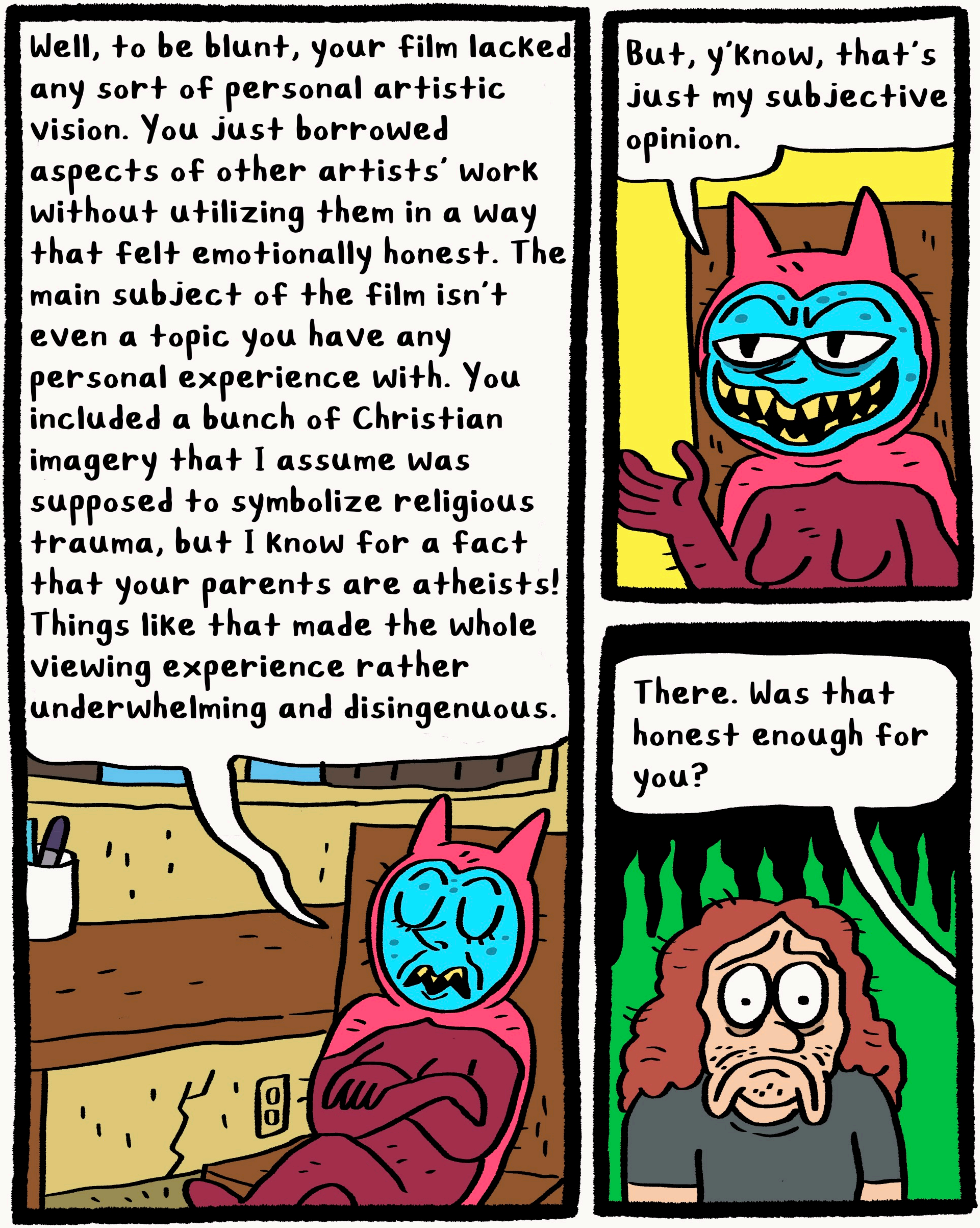
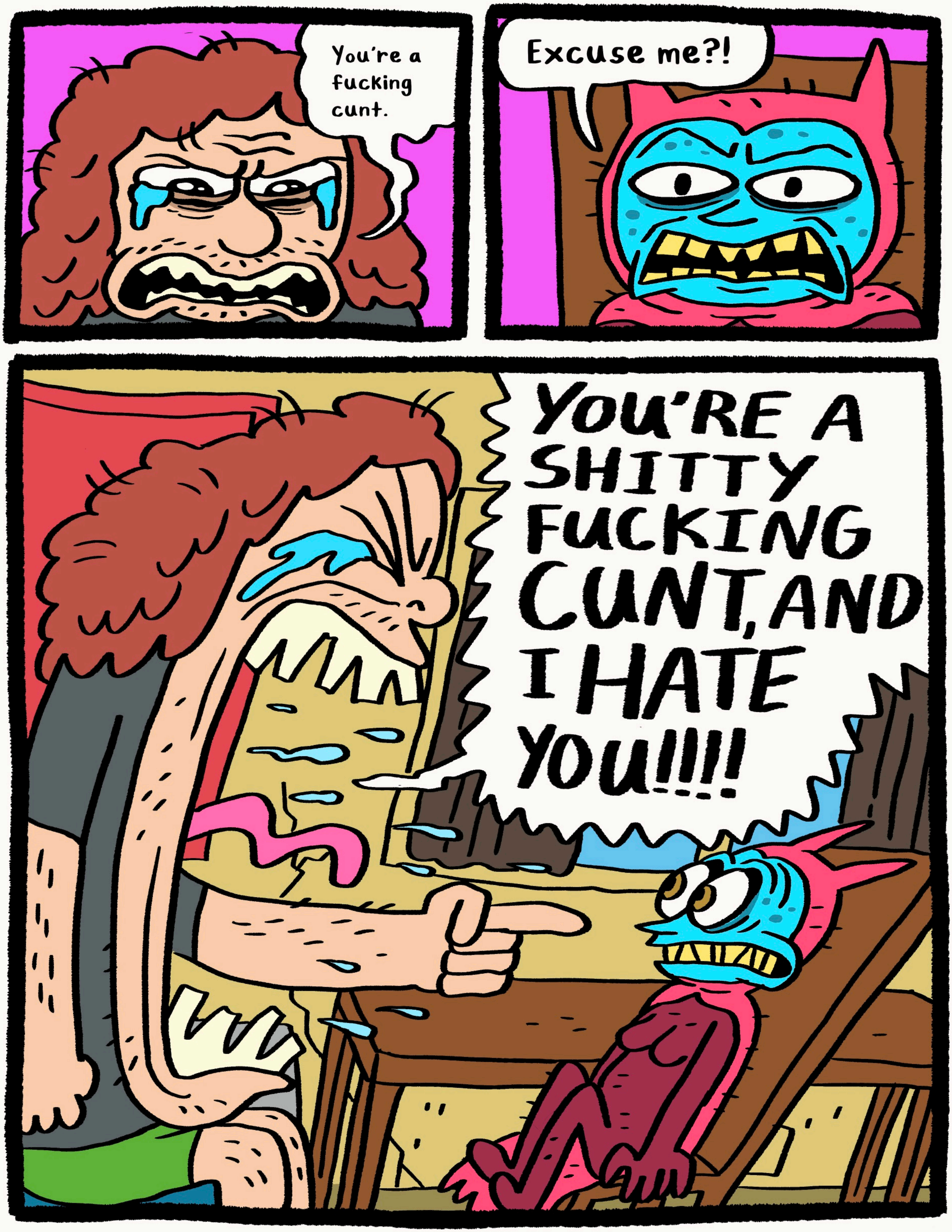
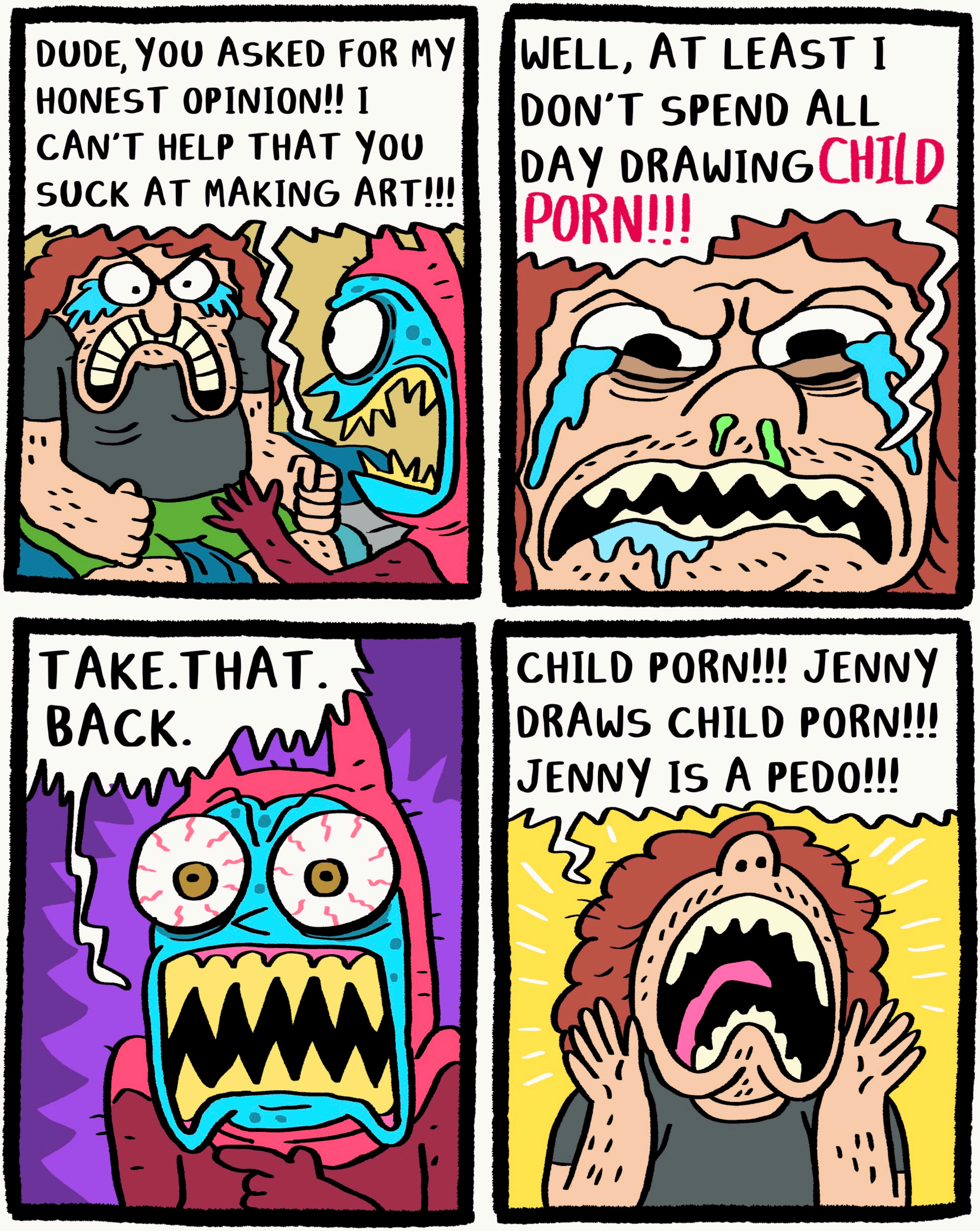
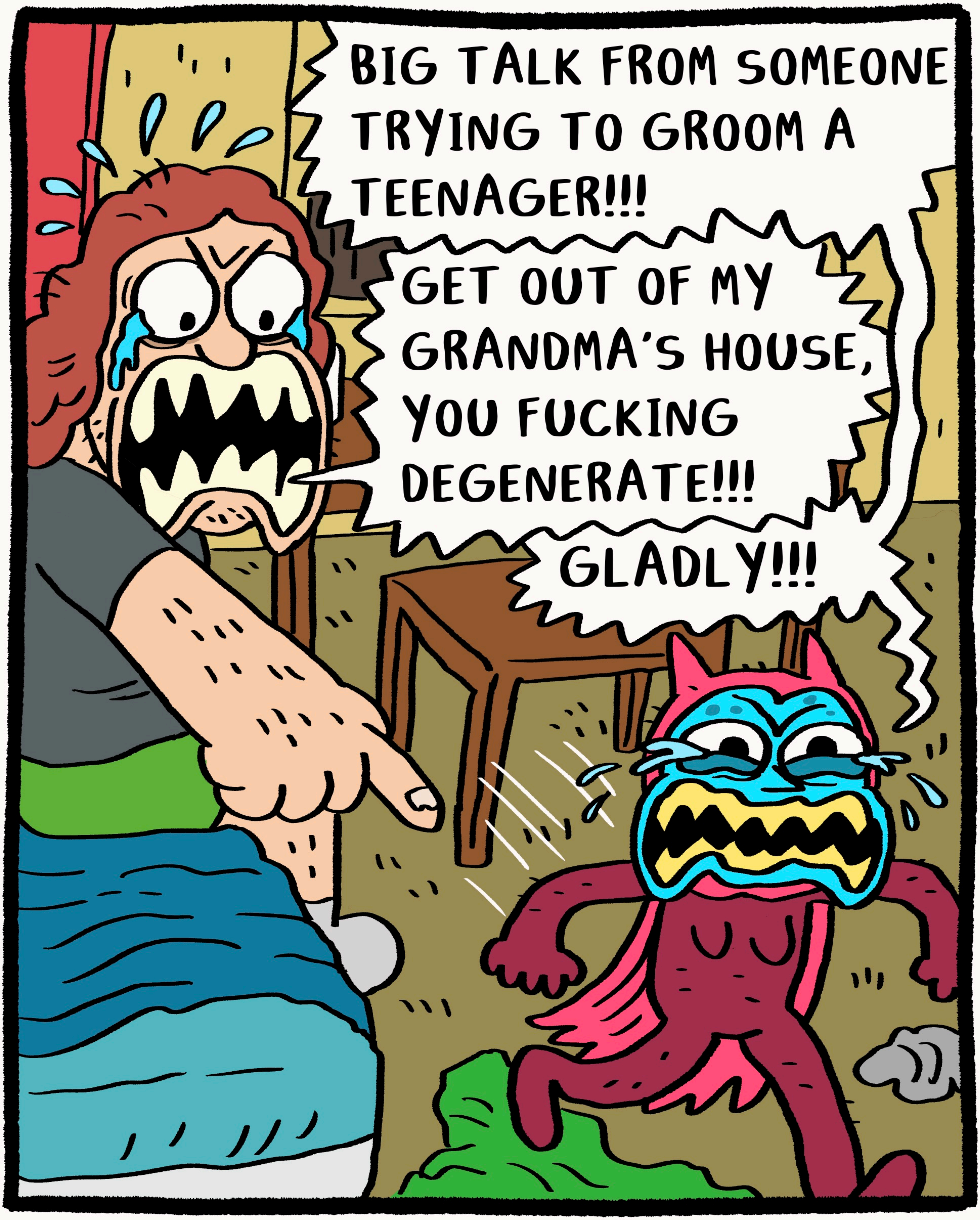

Really?? You think so? It wasn't too ambiguous? Originally I planned on making it three minutes, but I cut a lot of stuff out.
No, it definitely made sense to me.


Did you like the animated parts?
Yeah, they were very... creative... I guess.
Listen, Jenny. I don't want you to LIE. If you didn't like something about my movie, then spit it out!
Hmmm... I was trying to be nice, but if you're REALLY interested, I do have a few minor nitpicks...
Lay them on me.


Well, to be blunt, your film lacked any sort of personal artistic vision. You just borrowed aspects of other artists' work without utilizing them in a way that felt emotionally honest. The main subject of the film isn't even a topic you have any personal experience with. You included a bunch of Christian imagery that I assume was supposed to symbolize religious trauma, but I know for a fact that your parents are atheists! Things like that made the whole viewing experience rather underwhelming and disingenuous.
But, y'know, that's just my subjective opinion.
There. Was that honest enough for you?


You're a fucking cunt.
Excuse me?!
YOU'RE A SHITTY FUCKING CUNT, AND I HATE YOU!!!!


DUDE, YOU ASKED FOR MY HONEST OPINION!! I CAN'T HELP THAT YOU SUCK AT MAKING ART!!!
WELL, AT LEAST I DON'T SPEND ALL DAY DRAWING CHILD PORN!!!
TAKE.THAT. BACK.
CHILD PORN!!! JENNY DRAWS CHILD PORN!!! JENNY IS A PEDO!!!


BIG TALK FROM SOMEONE TRYING TO GROOM A TEENAGER!!!
GET OUT OF MY GRANDMA'S HOUSE, YOU FUCKING DEGENERATE!!!
GLADLY!!!

JENNY MAKES A NEW FRIEND.

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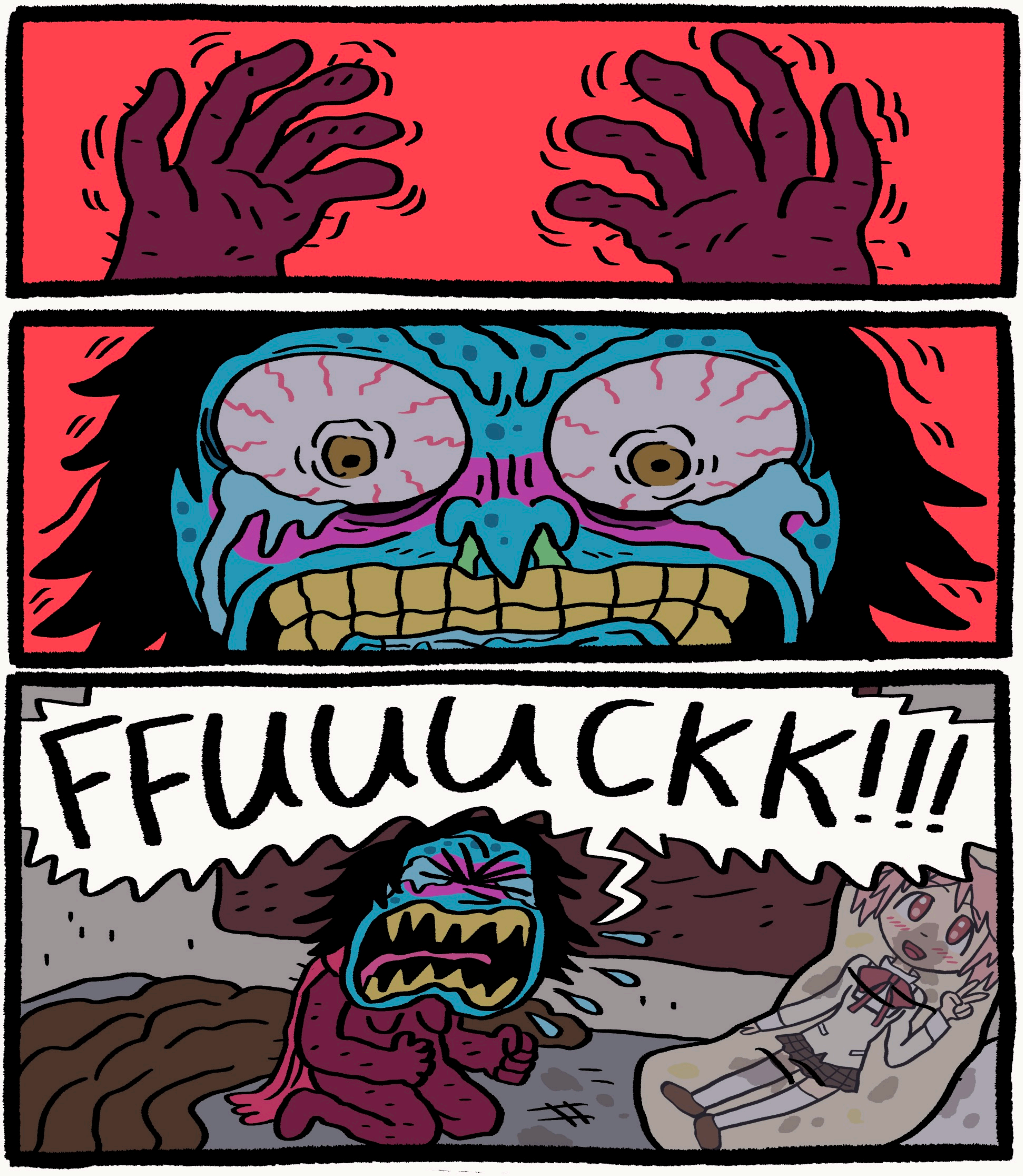
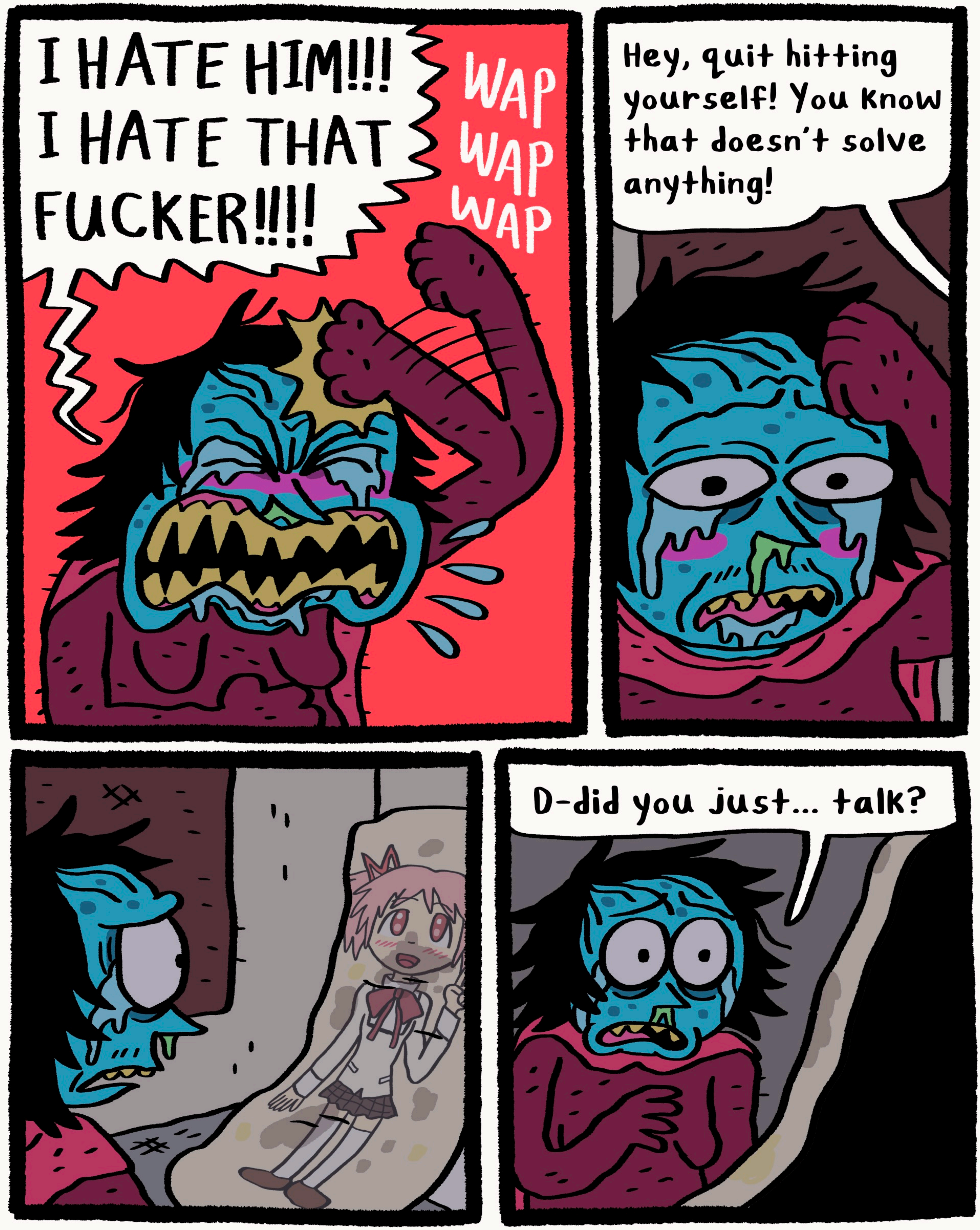
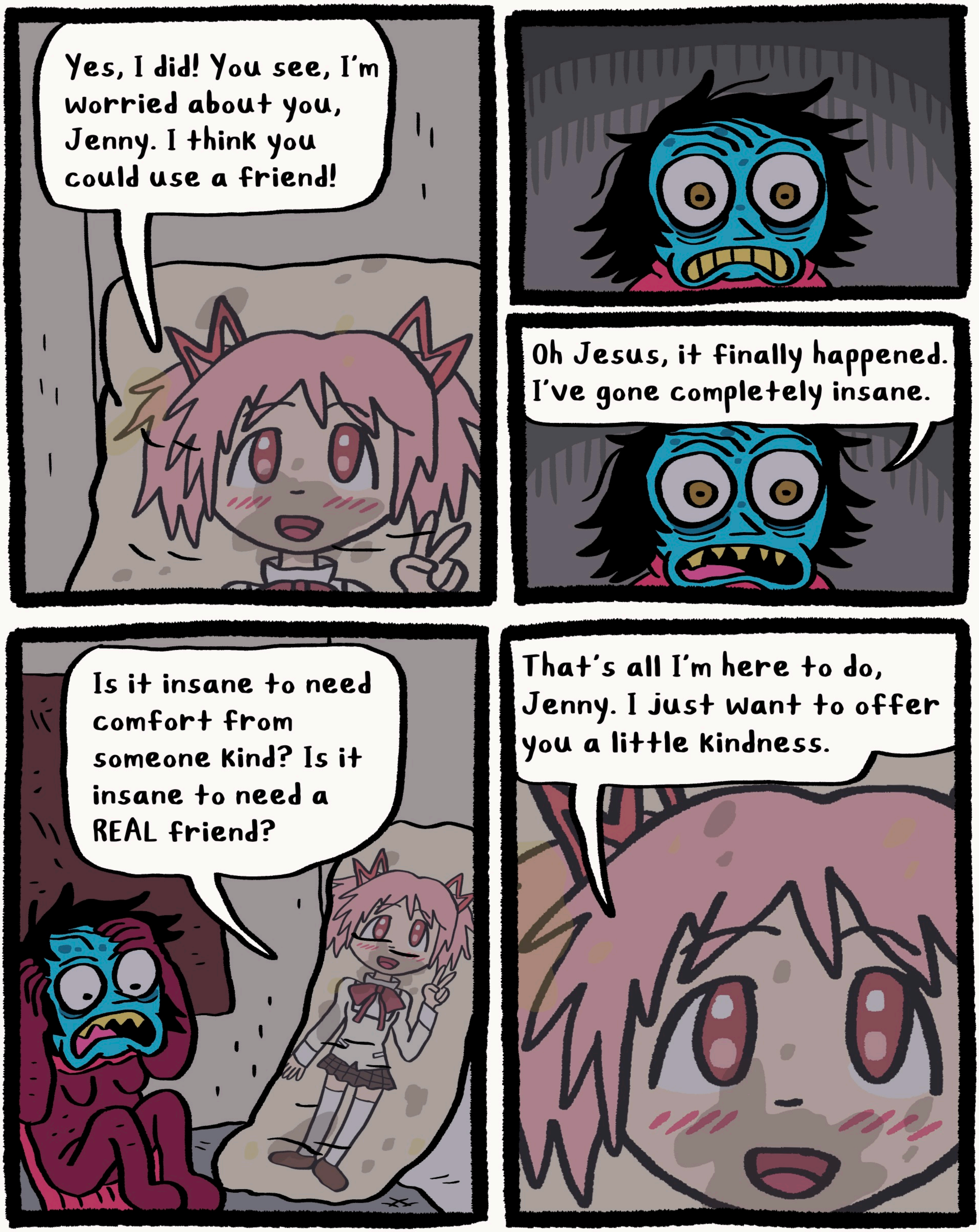



I HATE HIM!!! I HATE THAT FUCKER!!!!
WAP WAP WAP
Hey, quit hitting yourself! You know that doesn't solve anything!
D-did you just... talk?


Yes, I did! You see, I'm worried about you, Jenny. I think you could use a friend!
Oh Jesus, it finally happened. I've gone completely insane.
Is it insane to need comfort from someone kind? Is it insane to need a REAL friend?
That's all I'm here to do, Jenny. I just want to offer you a little kindness.

SOMETHING NICE.

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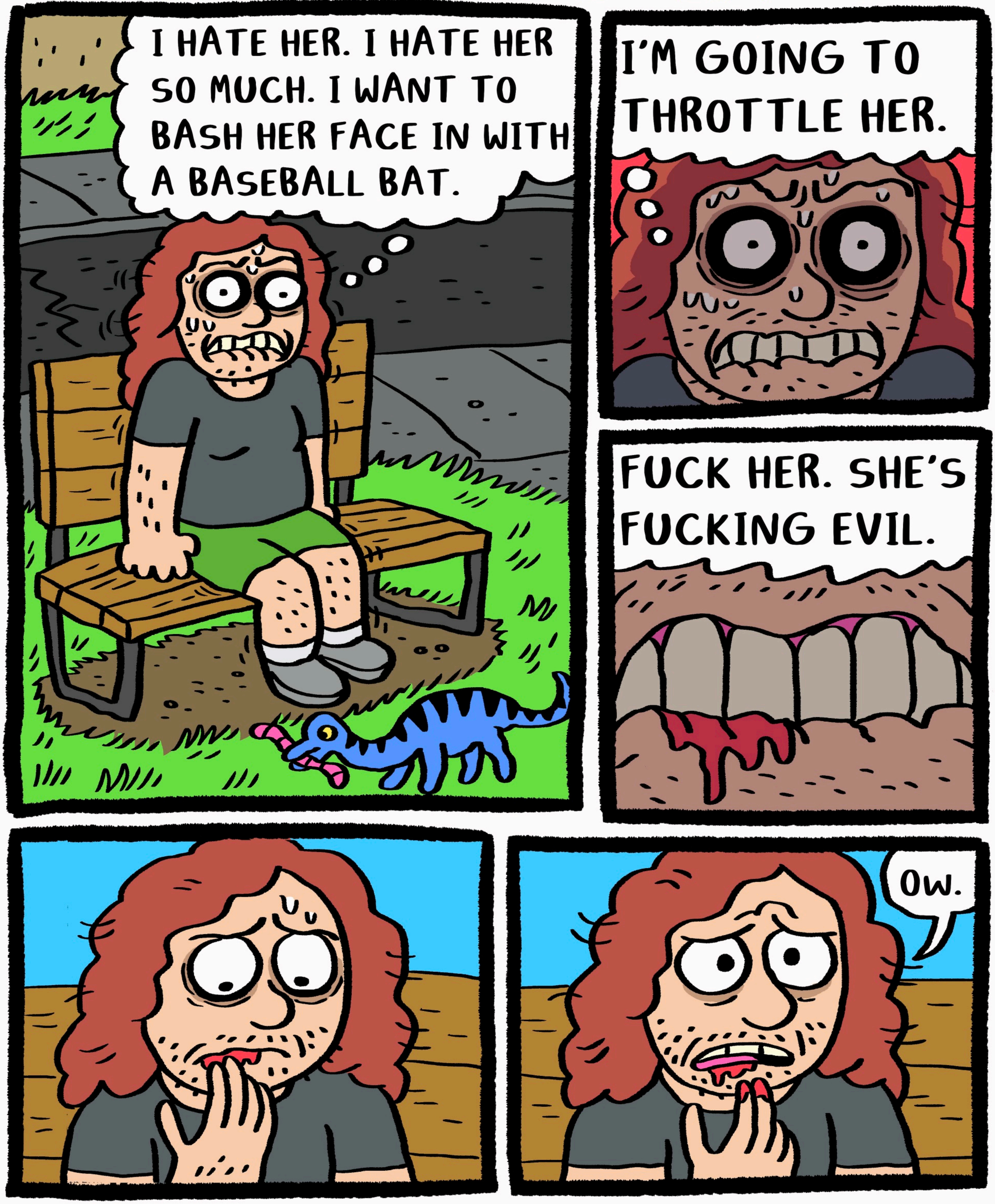
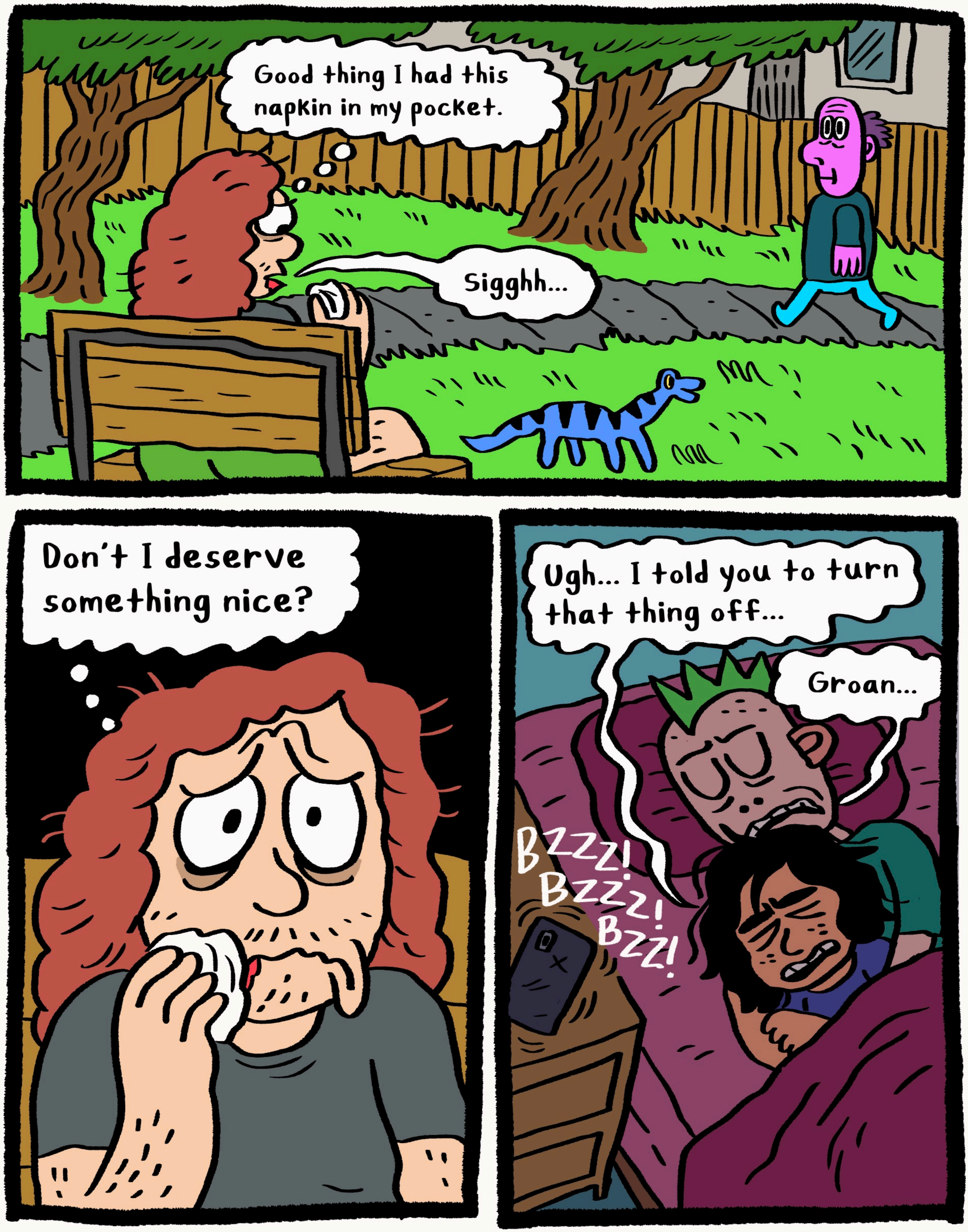
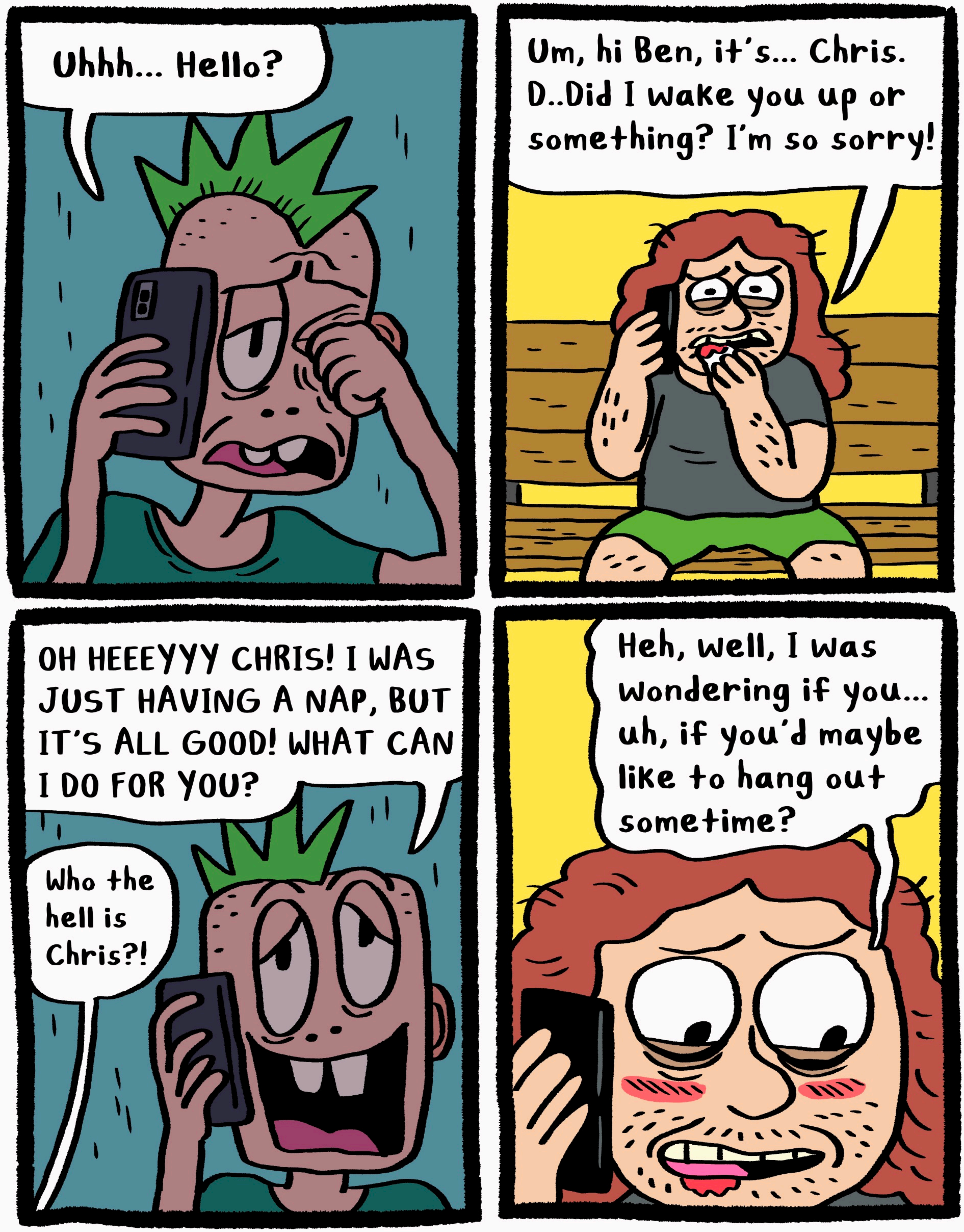

I HATE HER. I HATE HER SO MUCH. I WANT TO BASH HER FACE IN WITH A BASEBALL BAT.
I'M GOING TO THROTTLE HER.
FUCK HER. SHE'S FUCKING EVIL.
OW.


Good thing I had this napkin in my pocket.
Sigghh...
Don't I deserve something nice?
Ugh... I told you to turn that thing off...
Groan...
BZZZ!
BZZZ!
BZZ!


Uhhh... Hello?
Um, hi Ben, it's... Chris. D..Did I wake you up or something? I'm so sorry!
OH HEEEYYY CHRIS! I WAS JUST HAVING A NAP, BUT IT'S ALL GOOD! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
Who the hell is Chris?!
Heh, well, I was wondering if you... uh, if you'd maybe like to hang out sometime?

EVOLUTION!

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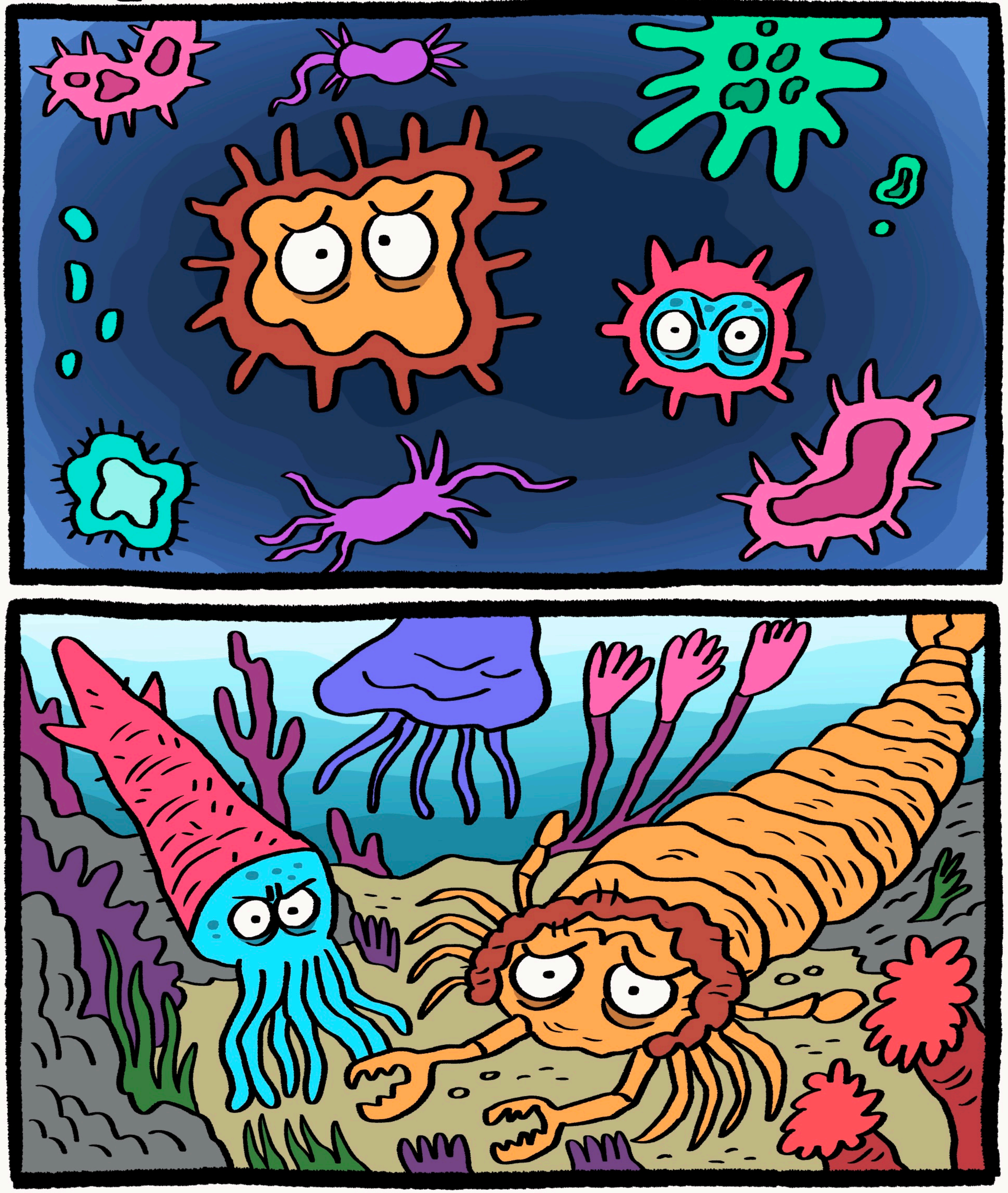

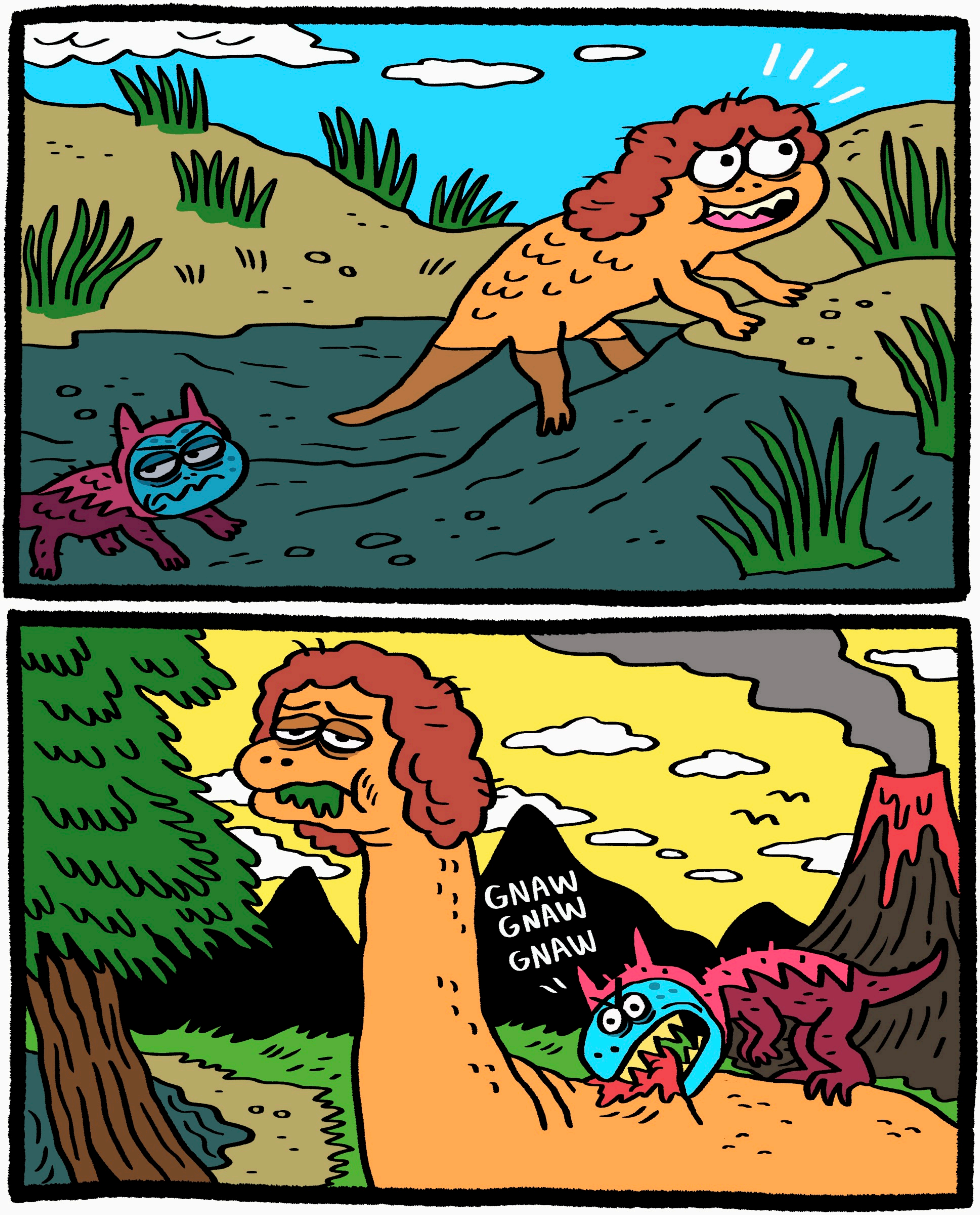
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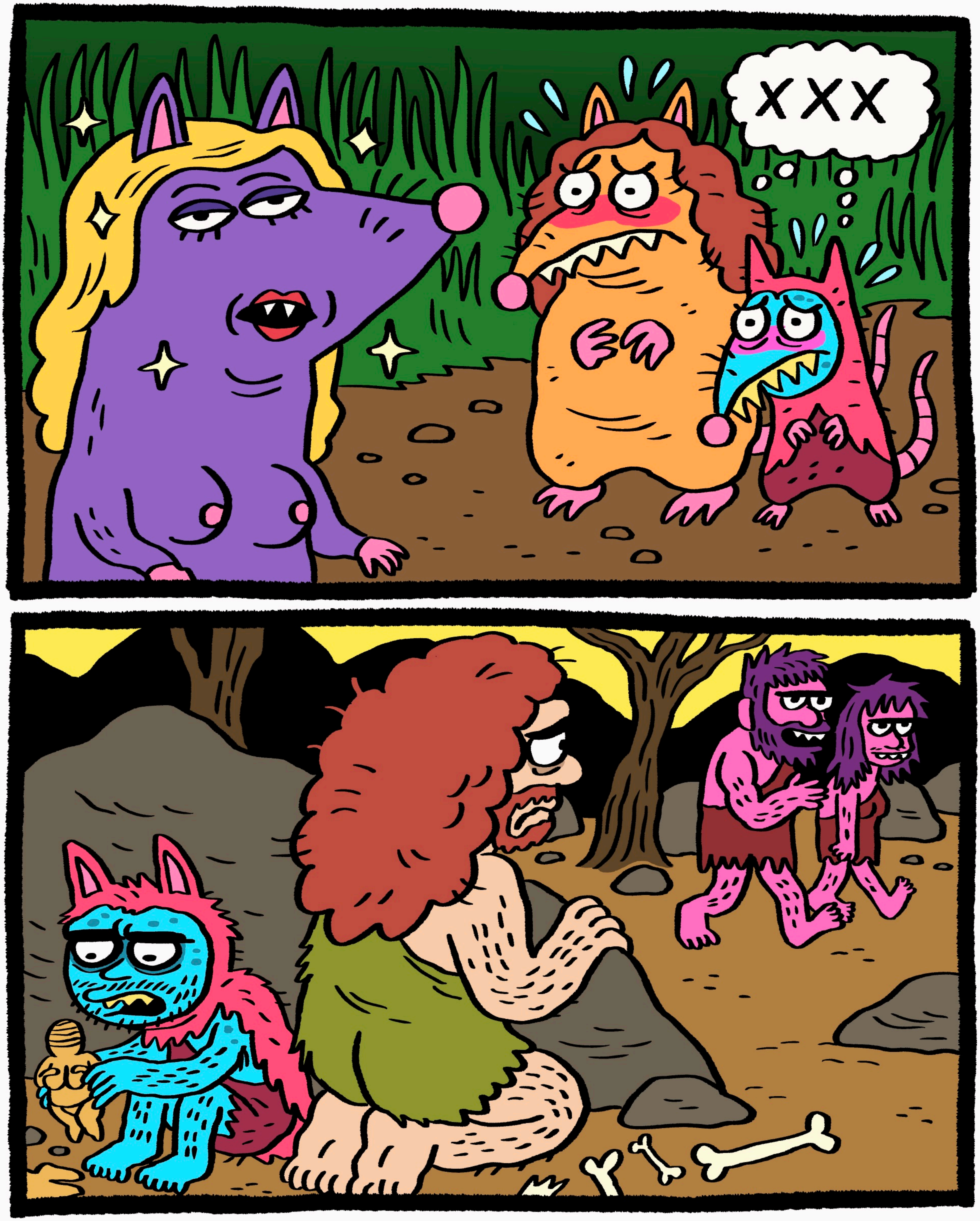
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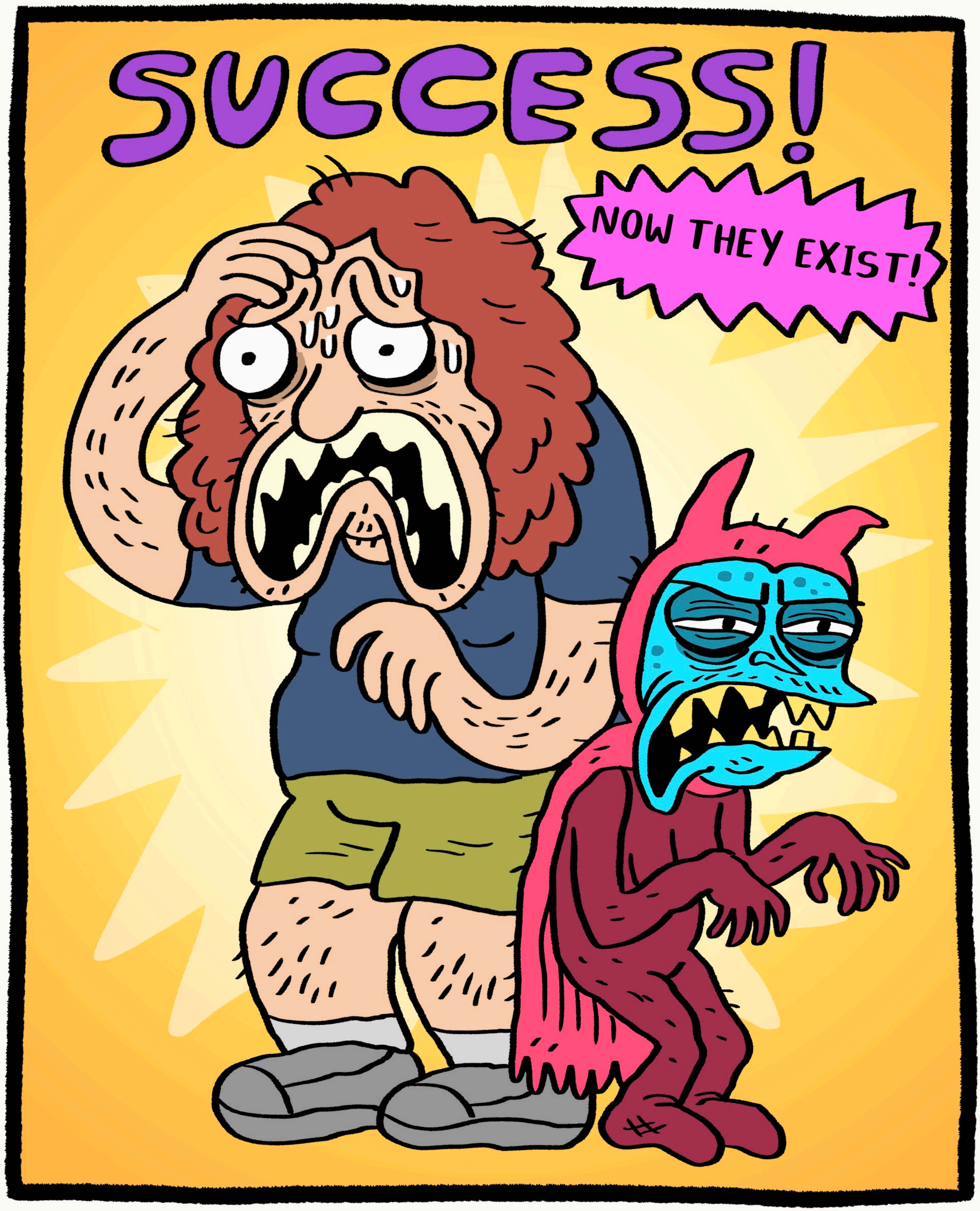
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